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CASE FIVE:
MY SENSEI
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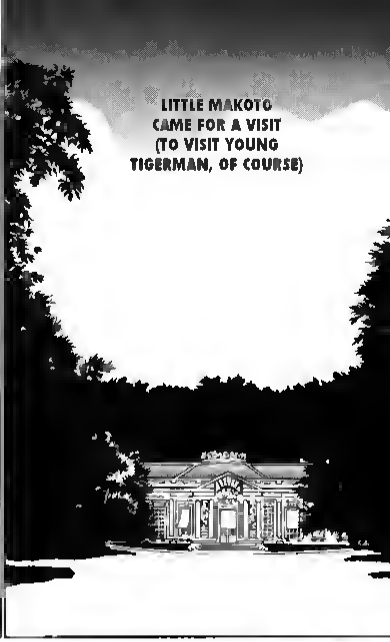
HUH?
キィ
Hi Bluecat!
ARE YOU THERE?
Sweeeet

YOU, DEVIOUS ANIMAL! YOU IDIOT!!
Bluecat,
WHERE ARE WE
YOU SHOULD BE EXECUTED!
DON'T PLAY DIRTY GAMES WITH TWO YOUNG BOYS!!

NOBODY SHOULD EVER SUSPECT A KIND CITIZEN.
HE IS A SILLY POLICEMAN OF LOW I.Q.
THAT ONE
Happy


LITTLE MAKOTO CAME FOR A VISIT (TO VISIT YOUNG TIGERMAN, OF COURSE)

YOUR DAILY CONDUCT HAS BECOME REALLY DEPLORABLE. THIS IS THE RESULT.
I AM BAD
HMM, YES,

NONETHELESS, IT IS NECESSARY FOR BOTH SENSEI AND DETECTIVE BEE-PRINCE TO DEAL WITH THINGS IN A CIVILIZED MANNER.
DETECTIVE BEE-PRINCE IS INDEED A BLOCKHEAD
DON'T SPREAD ☆ LIES!
hey!

TODAY'S BLUECAT IS QUITE QUEER
WHAT THE ...?
A BAD MAN BECAME A LITTLE TIGER
TIGERMAN IS UPSET BECAUSE HIS SENSEI IS BAD
ARE YOU SURE IT IS NOT A SYMPTOM OF PSYCHOSIS?
OH, YES, LITTLE MAKO IS ALWAYS CARRIED ON HIS LAP
THE MORE HE TALKS THE DOTTIER HE SOUNDS
HE'S BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE THIS MORNING
EXCEPT LITTLE MAKO, NOTHING ELSE REGISTERS ON HIS MIND
HE'S LIKE A UNICELLULAR ANIMAL
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF FEELING IT IS WHEN ONE IS SITTING ON SENSEI'S LAP ...

MAY I ASSUME THAT YOU
HAVE NEVER SAT ON BLUECAT'S LAP?
NO.
Clink
Clink
IT IS SIMPLY THAT BLUECAT'S POSTURES APPEAR STIFF AT TIMES THAT WOULDN'T BE THE CASE IF YOU WERE OFTEN ON HIS LAP.
NO, NOT AT ALL
IS THAT WEIRD?
IF YOU DID OFTEN SIT ON HIS LAP, HIS POSTURE WOULD BE DIFFERENT.

BESIDES, I AM ONLY HIS ASSISTANT, SO
IS THAT RIGHT?
SENSEI AND LITTLE MAKO LOOK QUITE COZY

BECAUSE YOU ARE SO COOL TOWARDS HIM, BLUECAT HAS TURNED INTO A NUT
HUH?
IF YOU WANT TO COZY UP, THIS IS THE TIME FOR IT

WOULDN'T YOU AND BLUECAT MAKE A GOOD PAIR?

TIGERMAN!
GO ACQUIRE SOME PEACHES FOR US, PLE-ASE!

I LIKE REALLY SWEET ONES
MAKOTO KNOWS GOOD PEACHES!
OH, ME TOO, THEY TASTE BETTER
HMM
TIGERMAN WILL BE LONELY WHEN HE IS WORKING ALONE
MAKOTO WANTS TO GO WITH HIM
WHAT ABOUT THAT VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES FOR ENTERTAINING LITTLE MAKO?
DO I HAVE TO GO NOW?
GO RIGHT AWAY!
THOSE THINGS CAN BE DONE WHEN YOU ARE BACK
REALLY?
THEN LET'S GO TOGETHER, MAKOTO!
YES!
TIGERMAN AND I ARE HAPPY TOGETHER
FINALLY, I WILL PLAY WITH TIGERMAN

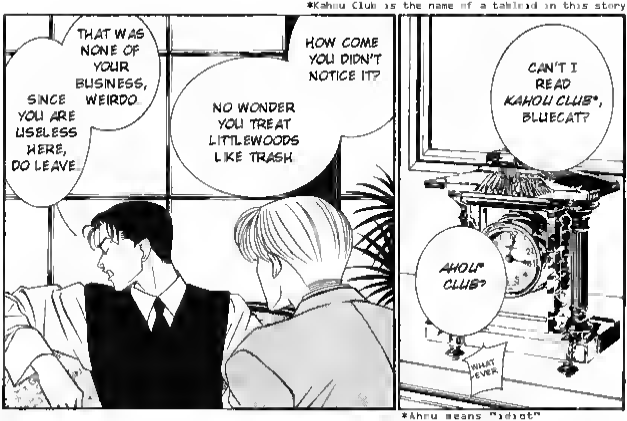
THAT IS NOT RIGHT, BLUECAT.
BE QUIET WEIRDO!
WEIRDO ?!
STOP !!
TO WORK IS TIGERMAN'S DUTY.
IT'S OKAY LITTLE MAKOTO--
.....
BUT MR WEIRDO IS HERE...
WE CAN SAY GOODBYE AT THE DOOR INSTEAD.
WILL NOT I, TOO, BE LONELY IF MAKOTO IS GOING?
TIGERMAN ALONE IS SUFFICIENT!

SEE? MAKOTO IS NOT COMING BACK.
I JUST KNEW IT, WEIRDO!
YOU'VE BECOME AN UNTHINKING ANIMAL, BLUECAT.
I AM NOT A WEIRDO.

IS IT ALRIGHT IF I WAITED FOR YOU HERE, TIGERMAN?
NO PROBLEM. I WILL BE BACK SOON.

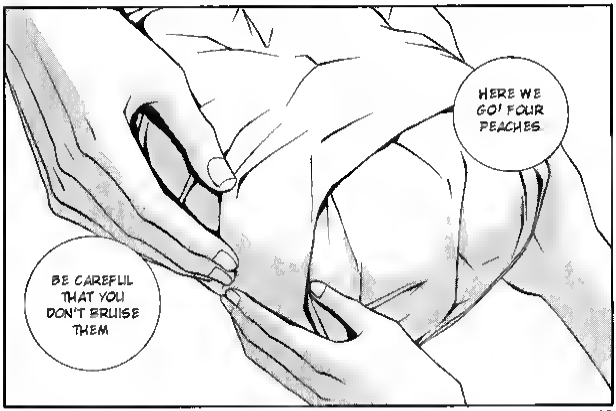
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME AND MAKOTO?
YOU DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT IT FROM ME.
DID YOU THINK THAT I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE ROMANCE BETWEEN YOU AND MAKOTO?
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST RESPECT YOUR LITTLEWOODS'S FEELINGS.

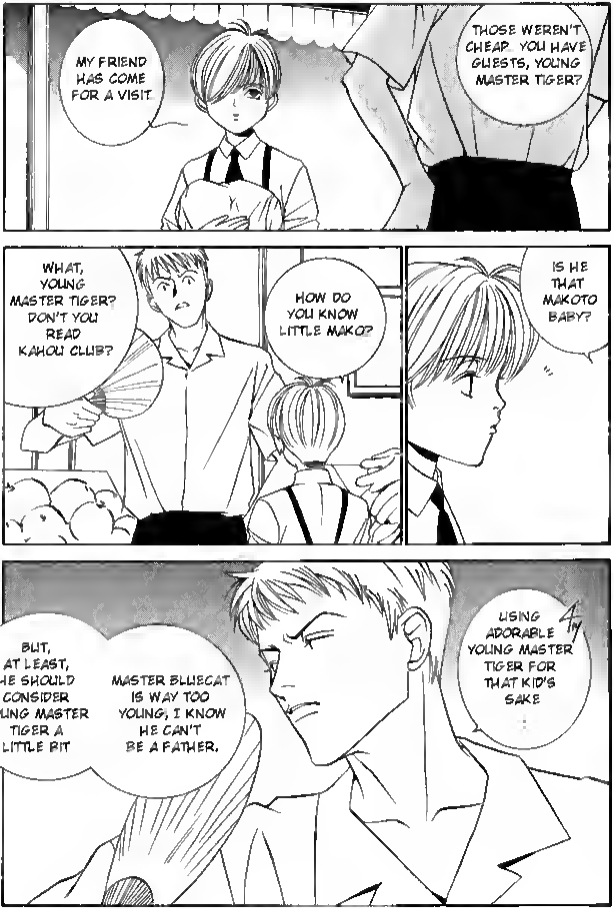
*Kahou Club is the name of a tabloid in this story

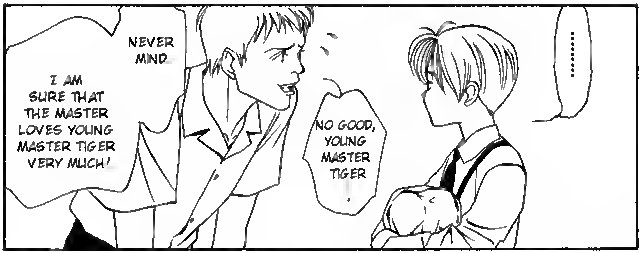


*Ahou means "idiot"

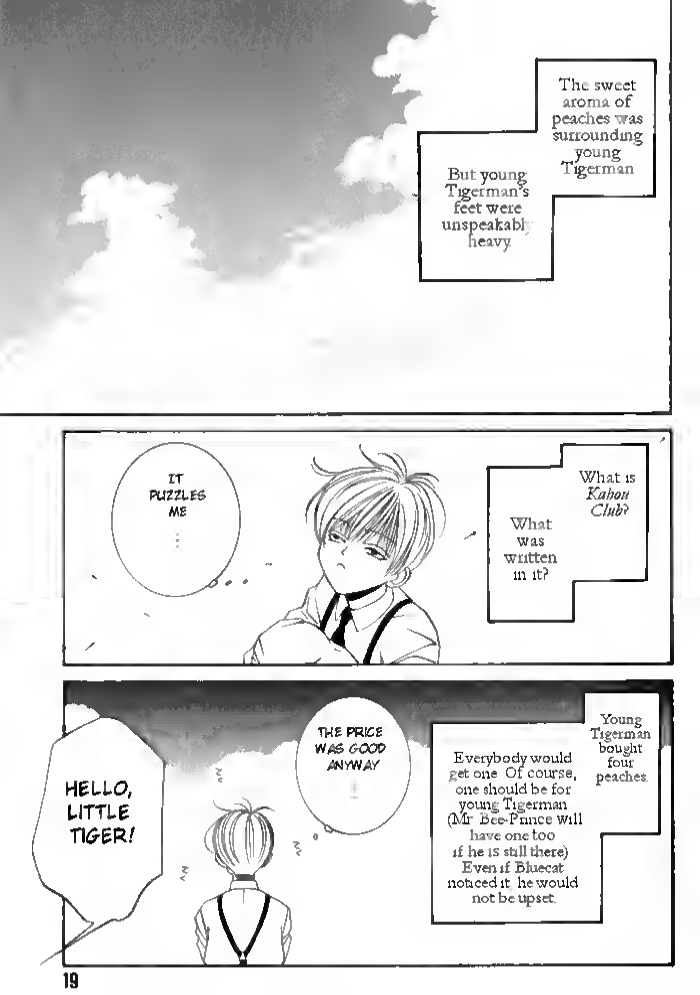
DO YOU EVER WONDER WHAT LITTLEWOODS THINKS WHEN HE SEES THE CLOSENESS BETWEEN YOU AND MAKOTO?
THIS IS WHY YOU ARE A PATHETIC WEIRDO!


HERE WE GO! FOUR PEACHES
BE CAREFUL THAT YOU DON'T BRUISE THEM

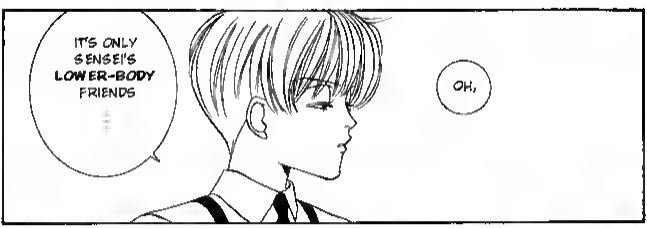

MY FRIEND HAS COME FOR A VISIT.
THOSE WEREN'T CHEAP. YOU HAVE GUESTS, YOUNG MASTER TIGER?
WHAT, YOUNG MASTER TIGER? DON'T YOU READ KAHOU CLUB?
HOW DO YOU KNOW LITTLE MAKO?
IS HE THAT MAKOTO BABY?
BUT, AT LEAST, HE SHOULD CONSIDER YOUNG MASTER TIGER A LITTLE BIT
MASTER BLUECAT IS WAY TOO YOUNG; I KNOW HE CAN'T BE A FATHER.
USING ADORABLE YOUNG MASTER TIGER FOR THAT KID'S SAKE

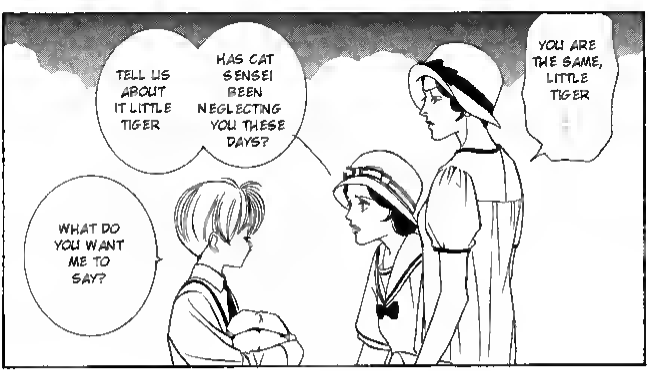


Why do I have this ineffable feeling today?


The sweet aroma of peaches was surrounding young Tigerman
But young Tigerman's feet were unspeakably heavy
IT PUZZLES ME
What was written in it?
What is *Kahou Club*?
HELLO, LITTLE TIGER!
THE PRICE WAS GOOD ANYWAY
Young Tigerman bought four peaches.
Everybody would get one. Of course, one should be for young Tigerman (Mr. Bee-Prince will have one too if he is still there). Even if Bluecat noticed it, he would not be upset.

LONG TIME NO SEE.
ARE YOU WORKING?


IT'S ONLY SENSEI'S **LOWER-BODY** FRIENDS
OH,


TELL US ABOUT IT LITTLE TIGER
HAS CAT SENSEI BEEN NEGLECTING YOU THESE DAYS?
YOU ARE THE SAME, LITTLE TIGER
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO SAY?

THAT CAT SENSEI IS NOW INFATUATED WITH A PRETTY YOUNG BOY,
AND HAS LEFT LITTLE TIGER TO OUR CARE
AH, WELL LET'S SEE!
OH
SILLY YOU! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!
SORRY LITTLE TIGER
IS IT KAHOU CLUB?

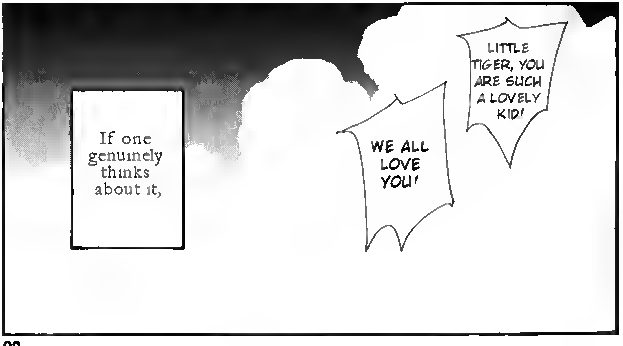
CAT SENSEI ALSO ADORES YOU... HE TOLD US ABOUT IT SENSEI LOVES LITTLE TIGER VERY, VERY, VERY, VERY MUCH. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
WE ADORE LITTLE TIGER VERY MUCH
YOU LEARNED ABOUT IT, LITTLE TIGER? DON'T WORRY,

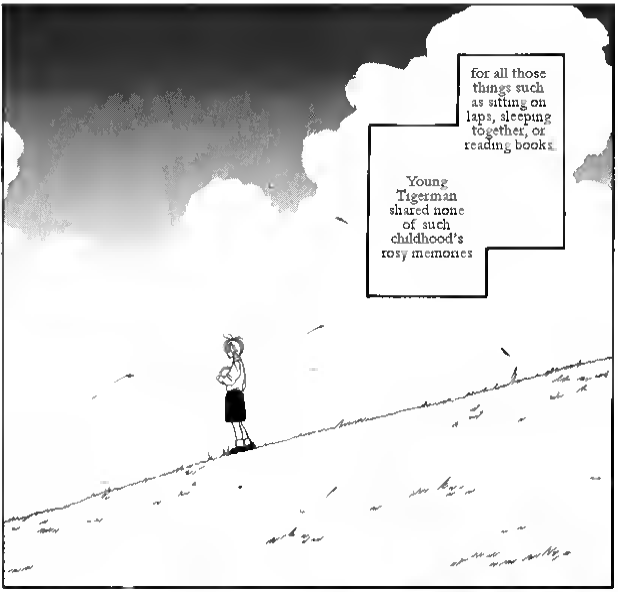
AT THAT MOMENT, SENSEI LOOKS LIKE A FATHER TO YOU
HOW SWEET...
IS LONELY ON THOSE SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, HE READS BOOKS TO YOU
OKAY, LITTLE TIGER,
LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE WHEN CAT SENSEI

IN THE SAME WAY AS ONE MIGHT HUG A SON
SENSEI HUGS YOUR SHOULDERS, AND YOU BOTH FALL ASLEEP ON THE SAME BED

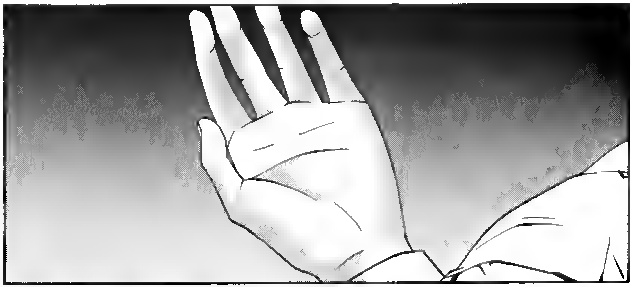
SENSEI NEVER READS BOOKS TO ME, NOR HAS HE EVER SHARED A BED WITH ME
NEVER. EVER.

WHAT DID YOU SAY
THAT CRAFTY MAN


If one genuinely thinks about it,
WE ALL LOVE YOU!
LITTLE TIGER, YOU ARE SUCH A LOVELY KID!


for all those things such as sitting on laps, sleeping together, or reading books.
Young Tigerman shared none of such childhood's rosy memories

Bluecat's large hands would be just right for hugging Makoto's shoulder



I DON'T KNOW WHAT FATHER'S HANDS SHOULD LOOK LIKE
I WAS A STREET KID ANYWAY,
. . .

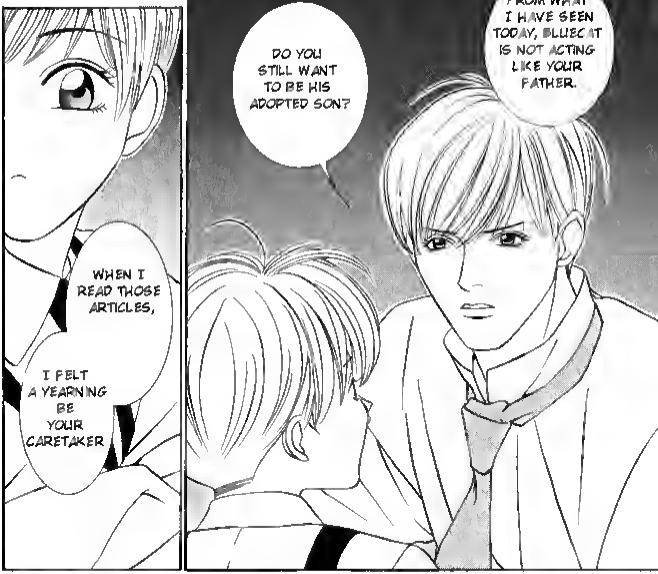
"HEY, YOU DON'T HAVE A FAMILY, DO YOU?"

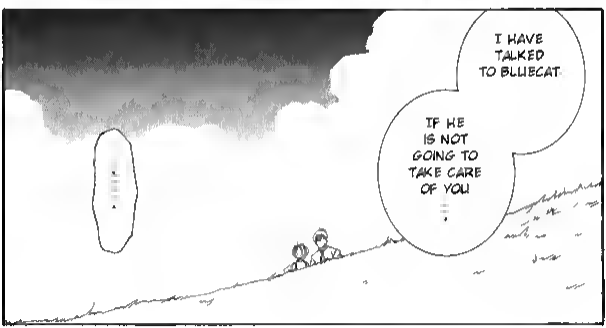
At that time, I felt Sensei's hand
but that was not my father's hand

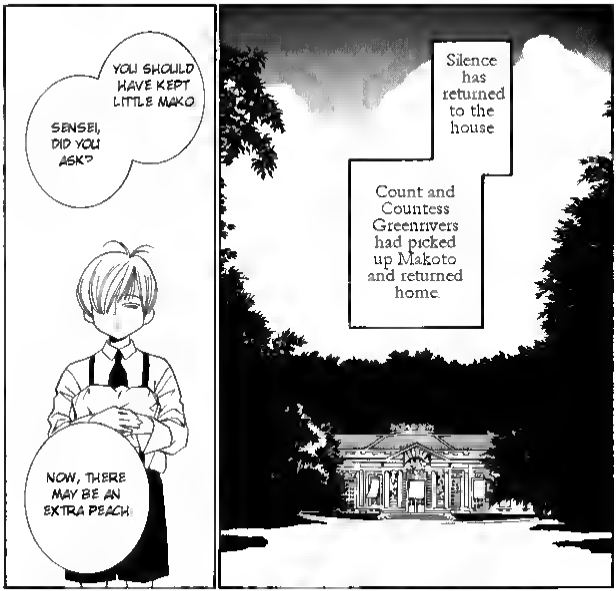
ONLY BLUECAT'S HAND
HEY, LITTLEWOODS!
HOW ARE YOU? YOU OKAY?
DETECTIVE BEE-PRINCE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU SINCE YOU WERE SO LATE IN RETURNING HOME

NEVER MIND THAT WEIRDO, THAT IDIOT CAT!
I AM HERE FOR LITTLEWOODS!
DETECTIVE PEE-PRINCE,
WHAT IS KAHOU CLUE?
WELL...
IT'S A TABLOID MAGAZINE FOR STREET GOSSIP.
IT IS QUITE POPULAR THESE DAYS.
SO, THE STORY OF SENSEI AND LITTLE MAKO WAS IN IT?
WELL, THAT MURDER CASE WAS REPORTED IN DETAIL
I DON'T KNOW WHO WROTE THE ARTICLE. HE REPORTED ALL THE DETAILS IT SEEMED LIKE HE KNEW BLUECAT QUITE WELL

AS IF HE HAD DUG INTO BLUECAT'S ENTIRE LIFE
ADDITIONALLY, YOU WERE ALSO IN THE NEWEST ISSUE
ALTHOUGH YOU ARE ONLY A LITTLE KID, YOU ARE TREATED LIKE A SERVANT. YOU LOOK AFTER ALL THE HOUSE WORK. AT THE SAME TIME, YOU ARE AN ASSISTANT DETECTIVE. YOU ARE OFTEN INVOLVED IN DANGEROUS SITUATIONS
THERE CAN BE LITTLE LOVE FOR YOU, IF YOU ARE BEING USED LIKE THAT
THE AFFAIR WITH MAKOTO MAKES THIS FACT QUITE CLEAR
DETECTIVE BEE-PRINCE, YOU CAME TODAY BECAUSE OF THE GOSSIP, RIGHT?
YES, LITTLEWOODS


WHEN I READ THOSE ARTICLES,
I FELT A YEARNING BE YOUR CARETAKER
DO YOU STILL WANT TO BE HIS ADOPTED SON?
FROM WHAT I HAVE SEEN TODAY, BLUECAT IS NOT ACTING LIKE YOUR FATHER.


I HAVE TALKED TO BLUECAT.
IF HE IS NOT GOING TO TAKE CARE OF YOU


YOU SHOULD HAVE KEPT LITTLE MAKO
SENSEI, DID YOU ASK?
NOW, THERE MAY BE AN EXTRA PEACH.
Silence has returned to the house
Count and Countess Greenrivers had picked up Makoto and returned home.

I FORGOT TO KEEP HIM
BECAUSE BEE-PRINCE SAID SOME REALLY HARSH WORDS

I DID NOT SAY ANYTHING THAT COULD BE CALLED "HARSH"
DID NOT YOU ?!
THEN WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT TAKING TIGERMAN AWAY FROM
MY FAMILY? DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT!?
"FAMILY"
CAN THIS BE CALLED A FAMILY? HOW ARTIFICIAL!
UNTIL NOW, YOU'VE DONE NOTHING THAT CAN SUPPORT YOUR CLAIM TO BEING LITTLEWOODS'S FATHER!!

IS THAT TRUE
TIGERMAN?
YOU ARE PATHETIC, NOTHING LESS
YOU ARE DEFINITELY NOT THE FATHER OF LITTLEWOODS
HAVEN'T YOU COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT LITTLEWOODS AS YOU INDULGE IN YOUR LOVE AFFAIR?
TELL HIM IT IS TRUE, LITTLE-WOODS!
.....
TRUE INDEED
SENSEI DOES NOT SEEM LIKE MY FATHER

TOLD YOU SO!
TIGER MAN
INSTEAD, SENSEI IS
MORE LIKE MY "CHILD."
I AM SENSEI'S FATHER. NO, MORE LIKE HIS MOTHER

DETECTIVE BE-PRINCE,
I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN.
LITTLE WOODS
SO, SENSEI,
WE ARE STILL A "FAMILY."
TIGER
MAN!
YOU MAY ALL THINK THAT I SHOULD BE JEALOUS OF LITTLE MAKO. NO.
INSTEAD,
I ENVY SENSEI.

Because Sensei fully conquered Little Mako, my Little Mako!

END

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Case six (part A) A challenge to Bluecat

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Baron Bluecat, The Well-known Private Detective, Quickly Losing Stardom

Is our 'hero' tired with exercising his excellent brain and protecting us from the misfortune?

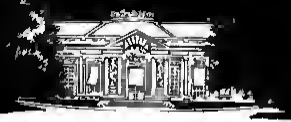
No. This writer thinks otherwise. Baron Bluecat has hit the limit of talents. One may safely conclude that he lacks the ability to deal with Odd-Burglar Glass Bat.

Baron Bluecat once again ignored advanced warnings from Odd-burglar Glass Bat. This has been the third time.

This time, following the warning, the Odd-burglar invaded a house in A area. He pointed a gun at the heart of a pitiful servant. At the time when the trigger was pulled, our 'disgraceful hero' Detective Bluecat strode out of his house, heedless to the sincere advice of his assistant--the unfortunate young Tigerman. He walked from B area to C area, then to the D area. he stayed with one of his intimate girlfriends until the next morning, before returning home.

The following is the writer's inference for the murder in the A area.

The following account should summarize quite accurate the methodology of Odd-burglar Glass Bat. Baron Bluecat will do well to examine it as a reference.
(Quoted from "Kahou Club")

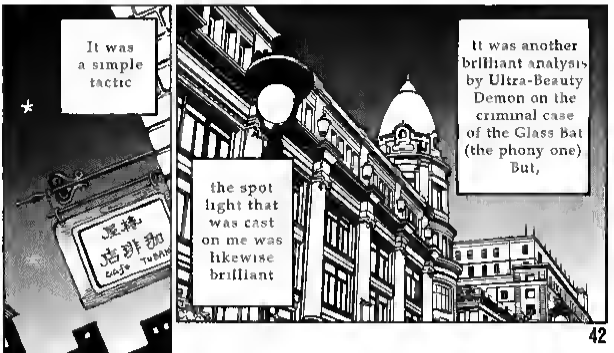


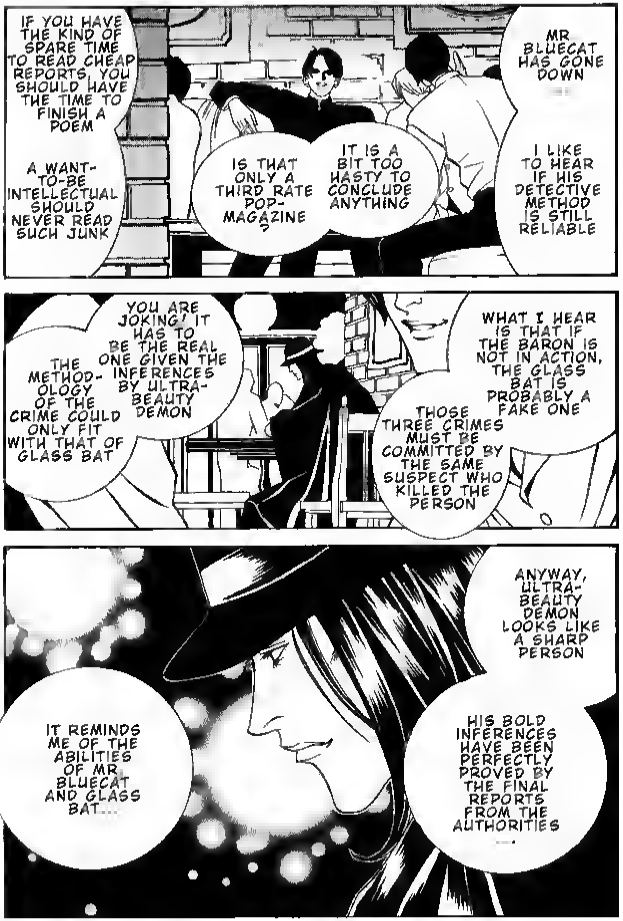
CHING
It was very nasty
CHING
every minute of a day in my life was taunted
The 'Kahou Club"as usual disclosed my private life to stir up people's curiosity
I had pretened to ignore them But this kind of "inferential reports" was getting on my nerves,
The freelancer had no face but jokingly pen-named himself as " Ultra-Beauty Demon
*THE ORIGINAL JAPANESE NAME = "MATATABI"
Drawn freehand by Cat
WHAT THE HECK, "ESCAPE"
THAT GUY WAS A PHONY GLASS BAT!!
SOMETHING LIKE "THE NUMBER ONE RENOWNED DETECTIVE ESCAPED FROM GLASS BAT",
THEY SAY
I AGREE
IT IS DEFINITELY NOT IN A FRIENDLY TERM!

THE ITEM IN THE PREVIOUS CASE WAS AT THE SECOND RATE IF IT WAS NOT A REPLICA
HE HAS NO STOMACHE FOR REPLICAS
WHY? BECAUSE, THAT GLASS BAT UNWISELY KILLED A PERSON
THE REAL ONE HATES BLOODSHED IN HIS WORKS. HE IS STRONGLY AGAINST ANY VIOLENCE
I DON'T THINK THERE IS A PHONY GLASS BAT IN THE WORLD
THIS IS A TACTIC THAT ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON DEPLOYS TO CHALLENGE SENSEI
TO ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON, WHO HAS FREQUENTLY TAILED SENSEI, PROVOKING SENSEI FROM TIME TO TIME IS LIKE A DAILY DOSE OF DRUGS
I REALLY DON'T CARE A WHIT ABOUT SUCH NONSENSE
SENSEI, I DON'T CARE ABOUT ONE MORE STONE TO BE THROWN ON SENSEI'S FALLING REPUTATION
HUH?

YOU ARE VERY MEAN TO BE SAYING THAT, TIGERMAN!!
ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON HARBORS A SPECIAL FEELING FOR SENSEI
ONE MAY CALL IT "LOVE"
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT I SAY, IT'S NOT MY PURPOSE
I PREFER FLAMBOYANT WOMEN, PERSONALLY SPEAKING
ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON KNEW IT. IT WAS WRITTEN IN HIS REPORTS
HE HAD CONCLUDED THAT SENSEI WOULD BE HANGING OUT WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND THE DAY THAT PHONY GLASS BAT STRUCK
WHAT DID YOU SAY? HE HAD CONCLUDED?
YOU THINK SO TOO?
CER-TAINLY
IT IS QUITE EASY TO FIND OUT WHICH GIRLFRIEND SENSEI WILL VISIT ON WHICH DAY
THE WOMAN BOASTS ABOUT WHEN SENSEI IS GOING TO VISIT.

AS I SUSPECTED, THIS INCIDENT
WAS A SELF-STAGED PERFORMANCE
MADE IN BAD TASTE
IT SEEMS THAT WE WILL ALWAYS SHARE THE SAME OPTION,
TIGER-MAN
I DIDN'T MEAN THAT!
MY BEING SO GOOD-LOOKING PUTS ME AT THE TOP OF EVERY PERSON'S CRAZY FANTASIES


It was a simple tactic
the spot light that was cast on me was likewise brilliant
It was another brilliant analysis by Ultra-Beauty Demon on the criminal case of the Glass Bat (the phony one) But,

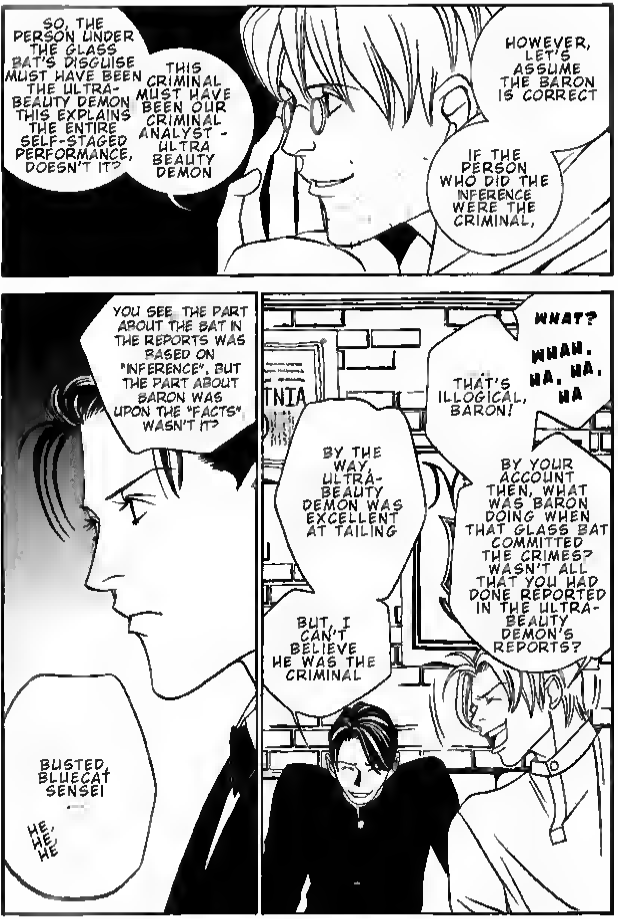

IF YOU HAVE THE KIND OF SPARE TIME TO READ CHEAP REPORTS, YOU SHOULD HAVE THE TIME TO FINISH A POEM
A WANT-TO-BE INTELLECTUAL SHOULD NEVER READ SUCH JUNK
IS THAT ONLY A THIRD RATE POP-MAGAZINE ?
IT IS A BIT TOO HASTY TO CONCLUDE ANYTHING
MR BLUECAT HAS GONE DOWN
I LIKE TO HEAR IF HIS DETECTIVE METHOD IS STILL RELIABLE
YOU ARE JOKING! IT HAS TO BE THE REAL ONE GIVEN THE INFERENCES BY ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON
THE METHOD-OLOGY OF THE CRIME COULD ONLY FIT WITH THAT OF GLASS BAT
WHAT I HEAR IS THAT IF THE BARON IS NOT IN ACTION, THE GLASS BAT IS PROBABLY A FAKE ONE
THOSE THREE CRIMES MUST BE COMMITTED BY THE SAME SUSPECT WHO KILLED THE PERSON
ANYWAY, ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON LOOKS LIKE A SHARP PERSON
IT REMINDS ME OF THE ABILITIES OF MR. BLUECAT AND GLASS BAT...
HIS BOLD INFERENCES HAVE BEEN PERFECTLY PROVED BY THE FINAL REPORTS FROM THE AUTHORITIES

MR. BLUECAT! YOU HAVN'T STOOD THERE FOR LONG, HAVE YOU?
WERE YOU EAVES-DROPPING? HOW B_D OF YOU!
WE'LL FINALLY BE ABLE TO HEAR YOUR FAMOUS ANALYSIS, BARON. WHO IS THAT "ONE MORE PERSON"?

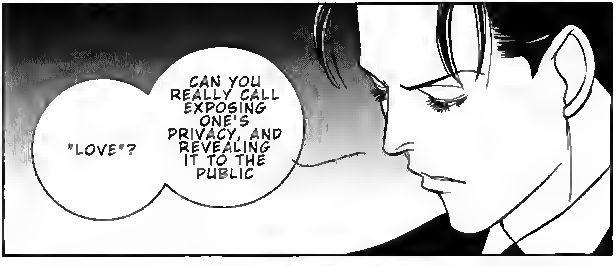
WE COUNT ONE MORE PERSON INTO THIS PACK OF THE INFERENTIAL EXPERTS?
HOW ABOUT

BARON, THAT BAT WAS A FAKE ONE, DON'T YOU THINK SO?
WHAT? THE CRIMINAL DOES THE INFERENCE FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE. THIS IS A SELF-STAGED PERFORM-ANCE...

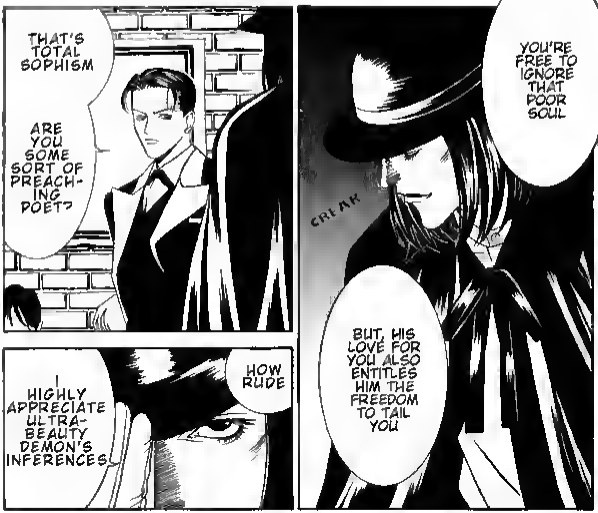
GRIN
THE CRIMINAL


SO, THE PERSON UNDER THE GLASS BAT'S DISGUISE MUST HAVE BEEN THE ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON THIS EXPLAINS THE ENTIRE SELF-STAGED PERFORMANCE, DOESN'T IT?
THIS CRIMINAL MUST HAVE BEEN OUR CRIMINAL ANALYST - ULTRA BEAUTY DEMON
HOWEVER, LET'S ASSUME THE BARON IS CORRECT
IF THE PERSON WHO DID THE INFERENCE WERE THE CRIMINAL,
YOU SEE, THE PART ABOUT THE BAT IN THE REPORTS WAS BASED ON "INFERENCE", BUT THE PART ABOUT BARON WAS UPON THE "FACTS" WASN'T IT?
BUSTED, BLUECAT SENSEI
HE, HE, HE
WHAT?
WHAAN. HA, HA, HA
THAT'S ILLOGICAL, BARON!
BY THE WAY, ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON WAS EXCELLENT AT TAILING
BUT, I CAN'T BELIEVE HE WAS THE CRIMINAL
BY YOUR ACCOUNT THEN, WHAT WAS BARON DOING WHEN THAT GLASS BAT COMMITTED THE CRIMES? WASN'T ALL THAT YOU HAD DONE REPORTED IN THE ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON'S REPORTS?

IN MY OPINION, ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON IS BARON'S FANATIC WORSHIPER DON'T THESE REPORTS SOUND LIKE LOVE POEMS?
THAT IS TRUE
IN ANY CASE, ULTRA BEAUTY DEMON IS FERVENTLY WATCHING DETECTIVE BLUECAT'S MOVES

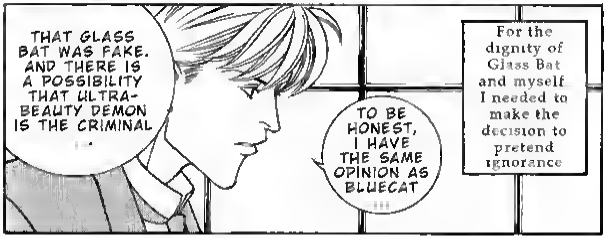

"LOVE"?
CAN YOU REALLY CALL EXPOSING ONE'S PRIVACY, AND REVEALING IT TO THE PUBLIC

THE PERSON WHO TRACKS ALL YOUR MOVES IS INDEED TORMENTED BY LOVE, PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY
A MAN CONSUMED WITH LOVE IS CRAZY LIKE THE MOTH THAT FLIES INTO THE FLAME. HE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BE CLOSE TO HIS ADMIRED ONE, EVEN IF IT MEANT BURNING HIMSELF TO ASHES
BARON,

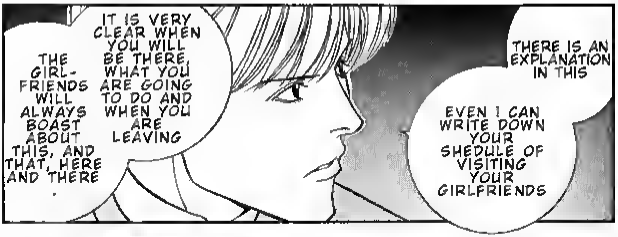

THAT'S TOTAL SOPHISM
ARE YOU SOME SORT OF PREACHING POET?
YOU'RE FREE TO IGNORE THAT POOR SOUL
CRI AK
BUT, HIS LOVE FOR YOU ALSO ENTITLES HIM THE FREEDOM TO TAIL YOU
HOW RUDE
I HIGHLY APPRECIATE ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON'S INFERENCES.

AND I AM QUITE DISTURBED BY YOUR EXAGGERATED EVALUATION OF GLASS BAT.
ESPECIALLY BY YOUR OUT-OF-DATE CLAIM THAT THE GUILTY GLASS BAT WAS PHONY DUE TO A DIFFERENCE IN AESTHETIC VALUES
GLASS BAT IS ALSO A HUMAN BEING. WHEN A MAN GROWS OLDER, HE CANNOT BUT MAKE MISTAKES

GLASS BAT IS GROWING OLD . .
HE SHOULD NOT BE THE ONLY ONE IN YOUR MIND ANY LONGER . .
Obviously, that person's knowledge of the relationship between me and Glass Bat is deep No matter what I could not appear to treat the phony Glass Bat seriously If I started to pay attention it would have appeared as if I was accepting the phony one for the real one


THAT GLASS BAT WAS FAKE. AND THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON IS THE CRIMINAL . .
TO BE HONEST, I HAVE THE SAME OPINION AS BLUECAT . . .
For the dignity of Glass Bat and myself I needed to make the decision to pretend ignorance

HOW COULD HE HAVE KNOWN THOSE DETAILS ABOUT HOW THE PHONY GLASS BAT COMMITTED THE CRIME?
HOW CAN YOU EXPLAIN THIS? IF HE HAD BEEN FOLLOWING ME,
BUT THE CHIEF DOES NOT AGREE
HE DOESN'T THINK THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON COMMITTED THE CRIME

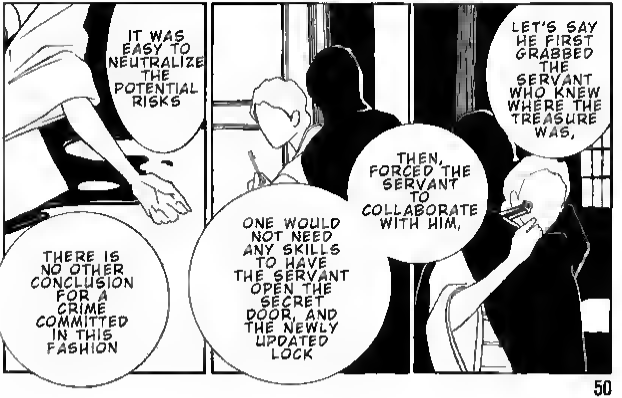

IT IS VERY CLEAR WHEN YOU WILL BE THERE, WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO AND WHEN YOU ARE LEAVING
THE GIRL-FRIENDS WILL ALWAYS BOAST ABOUT THIS, AND THAT, HERE AND THERE
THERE IS AN EXPLANATION IN THIS
EVEN I CAN WRITE DOWN YOUR SHEDULE OF VISITING YOUR GIRLFRIENDS

FOR EXAMPLE, HOW ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON KNEW THAT ODD BURGLAR ACTED LIKE GLASS BAT
THAT IS RIGHT ...
BUT DE-TECTIVE BEE-PRINCE, IT STILL DOESN'T PROVE THE TECHNICAL DETAILS OF THE CRIME IN THE REPORTS

THE GIRLFRIENDS CIRCLE OF GIRLFRIENDS WILL FOLLOW UP BY CHIT-CHATTING TO EACH OTHER THE NEXT DAY. SOMEBODY WILL HEAR THE GOSSIP THERE WE GO!
THIS ONLY EXPLAINS THE LUDICROUS ALIBI IN THE ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON'S REPORTS

IF HE DOES KNOW HOW TO DISGUISE, SNEAK IN AND BREAK THE LOCK, ECT.?
HOW CAN ANYBODY BE GIVEN THE TITLE OF BURGLAR
"SEE THROUGH WHERE THE TREASURE IS" AND TO "FIND A WAY TO GET THE TREASURE"
IF IT IS ODD- BURGLAR'S STYLE, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BE ABLE TO

THE MANNER OF DEATH
?
SIMPLY REFLECT ON ONE KEY-POINT, MR. BEE-PRINCE,
TO DISTINGUISH THE GLASS BAT FROM OTHERS,


IT WAS EASY TO NEUTRALIZE THE POTENTIAL RISKS
THERE IS NO OTHER CONCLUSION FOR A CRIME COMMITTED IN THIS FASHION
ONE WOULD NOT NEED ANY SKILLS TO HAVE THE SERVANT OPEN THE SECRET DOOR, AND THE NEWLY UPDATED LOCK
THEN, FORCED THE SERVANT TO COLLABORATE WITH HIM,
LET'S SAY HE FIRST GRABBED THE SERVANT WHO KNEW WHERE THE TREASURE WAS,

WHEN THE FAMILY RECEIVED GLASS BAT'S NOTICES, THEY DID NOT DARE TO INFORM THE POLICE AS THEY DID NOT WANT TO DISCLOSE THE HIDDEN TREASURE
BECAUSE OF THAT, WE COULD NOT HIDE AND WAIT ON THE WAY TO THE TREASURE THAT WAS WHAT THE CRIMINAL ENJOYED
THE GOAL LIKE IN LINKING A SIMPLE BURGLARY TO THE NAME OF GLASS BAT WAS TO CONFUSE PEOPLE
THIS EXPLAINS THE CHAOTIC LOGIC OF THE ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON'S COMPLICTAED AND PECULIAR INFERENCES
THIS IS AN INTELLI-GENT CRIMINAL
HE IS EXPLICITLY CHALLENG-ING SENSEI
NOT ONLY INTELLIGENT, BUT ALSO AN INSIDER
BECAUSE SENSEI HAD IGNORED ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON, HE HAD TO ADOPT A STRONGER METHOD
HE TRIED TO DROP THE NAME OF GLASS BAT TO ENTICE SENSEI
SENSEI, YOU ARE VERY "POPULAR"
STOP I DON'T WANT TO HEAR SUCH A BAD WORD RIGHT NOW

*JAPANESE NAME - "KUMAKURA"

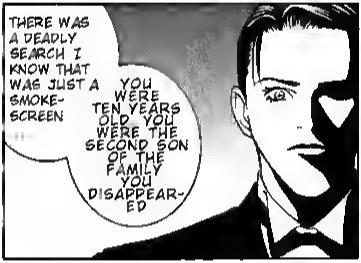
I have to attend against my will. I had doubts that Ultra-Beauty demon is the criminal, But, I had no proof yet
I thought that it would be more effecient to show Bee-Prince the face of Ultra-Beauty Demon as the former was a criminal detective
OH, GOODY! YOU CAME, DEAR BLUECAT. THIS DAY IS FINALLY COMING

UM... THAT WILL BE QUITE DISTURBING
HOW ABOUT A SLEEPOVER, TONIGHT?
I CAN NOT WITHDRAW MY HAND...
MY GOODNESS, YOU ARE EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL TODAY...

PLEASE ARRANGE AN EARLY MEETING. I AM DOING MY BEST ON BEHALF OF BEE-PRINCE !!
HE WANTS TO GET IN TOUCH BY ANY MEANS
THIS BEE-PRINCE KID IS A BELIEVER OF ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU SAYING ?
ARE YOU AFRAID OF MEETING ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON, BARON BLUECAT?
WAS THAT THE REASON FOR MY PROTECTION?
NICELY DONE, LITTLEWOOD'S
NO PROBLEM, BARON ♡
WHAT? COUNT BEAR-BARN IS A SODO-MITE?
THERE IS A MUCH BETTER KID THAN I AM
AN ESCORT BECAME A SACRI-FICE?
LITTLEWOOD'S!!
LOOK! THAT IS THE CHOICE
.....
WHAT DO YOU SAY, BARON?
BESIDES, THERE ARE NOT MANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON AND BARON BLUECAT. WE DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU WERE REALLY FROM
HE IS NOT A SCARY MAN. I GUARANTEE YOU
IF YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THE HELP, IS IT REASONABLE THAT YOU STEP ASIDE EVEN BEFORE YOU TAKE A LOOK?
WHEN YOU NEED TO, JUST SCREAM LIKE A WOMAN, OK?
YOU CAME FOR THE MEETING HELP WILL ALWAYS BE AT HAND
WHAT IS IT, BEE-PRINCE ?
HE HAS STUDIED EXTENSIVELY IN EUROPE. HE IS A CULTIVATED MAN. RIGHT NOW, I AM TAKING CARE OF HIM. I WANT TO KNOW ALL OF HIS ADVENTURES

As a detective I had to endure the pains
To be honest, my curiosity got the better of me
BARON BLUECAT, ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON IS ON THE BACK TERRACE
I AM GLAD TO BE ABLE TO SEE YOU, BARON. BUT I MUST CORRECT MYSELF. THIS IS OUR SECOND ENCOUNTER
AS YOU MIGHT HAVE GUESSED ...
I AM THE ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON
MY REAL NAME IS CHUUYA *DOG-RAISER
IT IS YOU ...
THAT EXPLAINS WHY YOU KNEW THE DETAILS OF ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON'S MIND
NOT ONLY ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON'S,
BUT AS IT WERE, I ALSO KNOW YOURS ...
*THE JAPANESE SURNAME - "INUKAI"

SECRET PAST
BESIDES THOSE, I ALSO KNOW HOW YOU GREW UP AND YOUR
WHAT YOUR INTRESTS ARE, WHAT YOUR TASTES ARE, HOW YOU ACT, AND HOW YOU THINK


THERE WAS A DEADLY SEARCH I KNOW THAT WAS JUST A SMOKE-SCREEN
YOU WERE TEN YEARS OLD YOU WERE THE SECOND SON OF THE FAMILY YOU DISAPPEAR-ED

"A TRAGEDY OF THE BLUE CATS"
IT HAS FADED FROM EVERYBODY'S MEMORY FIFTEEN YEARS AGO. THERE WAS

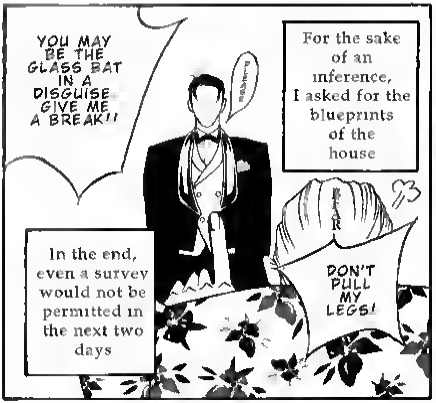
REGARDLESS WHERE YOU HAD BEEN, YOU GREW UP AND RETURNED
AND, GRADUALLY, THE BLUECAT FAMILY REGAINED IT'S PROSPERITY!
YOU WERE ABSENT FOR SEVEN YEARS FROM THAT POINT ON
RIGHT AFTER THAT INCIDENT, SOME BURGLARS BROKE INTO THE BLUECAT RESIDENCE AND KILLED THE ENTIRE FAMILY
THERE WERE RUMORS THAT THE RELATIVES OF THE FAMILY CONSPIRED TO SEIZE THE ESTATE OF THE RICH BLUECATS

PEOPLE WONDERED HOW YOU HAD ACHIEVED THAT GREAT INSIGHT; WHERE YOU LEARNED THAT BROAD KNOWLEDGE ON A VARIETY OF FIELDS WITHOUT THE BENEFITS OF A SUPERIOR EDUCATION
PEOPLE WONDERED WHERE YOU HAD BEEN AND WHAT YOU HAD BEEN DOING IN THOSE MYSTERIOUS ENTIRE SEVEN YEARS
AS A MATTER OF FACT, I KNOW THE TRUTH
HADN'T YOU BEEN LIVING WITH THE GLASS BAT AT HIS SANCTUARY UNTILL YOU TURNED SEVENTEEN?
GLASS BAT ENCOURAGED YOU TO LEARN A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS AND IN THE END EVEN THE ART OF LOVEMAKING ISN'T THAT SO?
THE REASON THAT YOU ARE SO SURE ABOUT GLASS BAT IS
BASED ON THOSE EXPERIENCES

FURTHER MORE YOU FEAR, YET EAGERLY ANTICIPATE GLASS BAT
AT THE SAME TIME
KISS
IS HE STILL NOT A REAL ENOUGH GLASS BAT?
I PROVE IT TO YOU, YOU WILL BECOME MINE AGREED?
ALL YOU SAID ONLY PROVES YOU ARE THE STUPID FAKE BAT
BECOME WHAT? YOU FOOL!
BIG TROUBLE, BLUECAT!!
HUH?
BEE-PRINCE, HELP!!

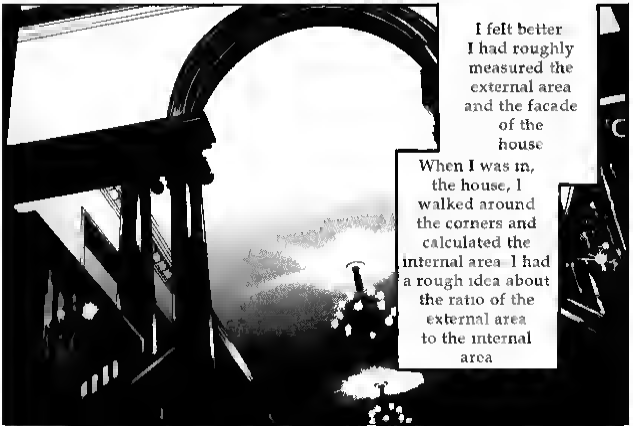
IT IS FROM THE GLASS BAT
MUKMUKING
MUKMUKING
MUKMUKING
TWO DAYS FROM NOW, AT 11:00PM!
"NARCISSUS KNIFE"? THAT SECOND RATE ITEM?
DID HE SAY WHEN?
AN ADVANCED WARNING!!
SO SCARY
MUKMUKING
THERE IS A WARNING NOTICE FROM THE GLASS BAT!!
HE WANTS COUNT BEARBARN'S "NARCISSUS KNIFE"
IT CAME IN JUST ON TIME
THAT PROVES THAT I AM NOT THE FAKE GLASS BAT
THAT "SECOND RATE" COMMENT WILL MAKE COUNT BEARBARN VERY MAD
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!
I AM CHUUYA DOG-RAISER, PEN-NAMED "ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON"
UBD? HIM?
WOW SO CHIC
MY GOODNESS, HELP! DOG-RAISER? HELP ON BARON BLUECAT? THIS ONE!
COUNT, CALM DOWN

I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU ALL THAT BARON BLUECAT AND I HAVE SOME CONNECTIONS
HOWEVER RIGHT NOW, I AM ASKING BARON TO PARTICIPATE IN A RARE DETECTIVE CHAMPIONSHIP
ONE MUST GIVE A CLEAR ANSWER OF "RIGHT OR WRONG"
HUH?
THERE MUST BE A PROPHETIC INFERENCE ON ROUTE OF THE INVASION, THERE MUST BE A PLAN TO SUCCESSFULLY CAPTURE THE ODD-BURGLAR
WOW WOW WOW WOW WOW WOW WOW WOW WOW WOW WOW WOW WOW
......
BLUECAT


YOU MAY BE THE GLASS BAT IN A DISGUISE GIVE ME A BREAK!!
For the sake of an inference, I asked for the blueprints of the house
In the end, even a survey would not be permitted in the next two days
DON'T PULL MY LEGS!

It was like a hunter being hunted by his prey The situation became very tricky
It probably somehow well fitted this guy
A snake showed his teeth

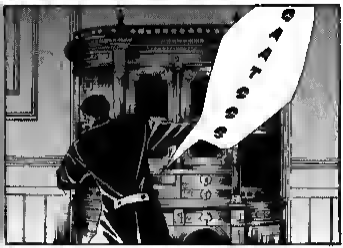
WHATEVER! "HELP" IS ALWAYS ON THE WAY, BLUECAT!!
SENSEI, IF YOU SAY "NO", YOU WOULD BE AUTOMATICALLY DEFEATED. BRING US THE VICTORY PLEASE!
On that day, a rule was imposed prior to my entrance to the Bear Lair


I felt better I had roughly measured the external area and the facade of the house
When I was in, the house, I walked around the corners and calculated the internal area. I had a rough idea about the ratio of the external area to the internal area

So far, a two room shortage had been concluded
The normal length of a corridor was equal to the sum of the lengths of the walls of the rooms

GEEEE
SECRET PATH, EH?

There were definitely some hidden rooms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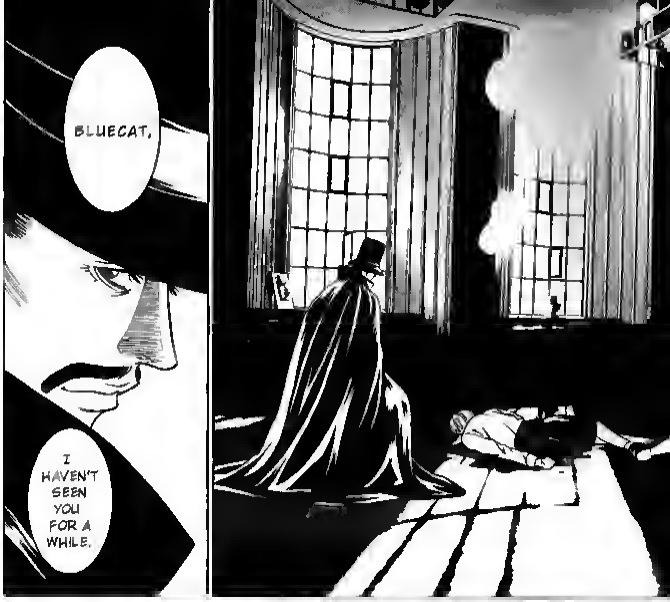
I WAS SERVERAL STEPS FASTER
KON
KON
KON
KON
WELL, YOU ARE LATE, BARON
HM!
YOU HAVE SOLD YOUR BODY IN ORDER TO MAKE BEAR-BARN LISTEN TO YOU
BETWEEN THE TWO OF US SHALL WE SAY THAT THE ARISTOCRATIC ONE SCORED LOWER...
IS THIS ALL FROM THE TRAINING OF THE GLASS BAT?
THE ADVANTAGE OF LIVING HERE GIVES YOU OPPORTUNITIES TO ENJOY A TREASURE BOX THAT IS LARGE ENOUGH FOR A BODY
THEREFORE, YOU HAVE NO RIGHTS TO CRITICIZE BAT'S TRAINING

THE CRIME HAS NOT COMMITTED
THERE ARE STILL FIVE MINUTES LEFT
WELL, IT IS THE PERFECT TIME FOR US TO COZY UP
YOUR HABIT IS TO MAKE A HEAD START BEFORE THE RACE
NO KIDDING
GLASS BAT WILL BE ON TIME
IT IS NOT ELEVEN O'CLOCK YET
KON
GIVE INTO ME AS MY REWARD
GET LOST!
SHALL I CLAIM VICTORY WHEN THE REAL GLASS BAT SHOWS UP?
CHECK-MATE!

IT WAS FROM UP-STAIRS
IT ONLY MEANS GLASS BAT HAS ARRIVED!
PA.
PA.
PA
STOP ...
OH, WELL, THOSE ... THE GUN SHOTS ?
HEY, WHAT'RE THOSE ...
YOU HAVE DONE SOME BAD THINGS!
GLASS BAT WOULD NEVER MAKE SUCH A RUCKUS!
THEN TO BLAME IT ON GLASS BAT ...


BLUECAT,
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU FOR A WHILE.

IF THE GLASS BAT IS HERE, IT IS THE END OF THE GAME
THERE! I WON!
BLUECAT
HE IS THE CRIMINAL, BARON BLUECAT
WHY ... YOU ARE ... HERE ...

GOOD-BOY.
I AM
QUICKLY
ESCAPE GLASS BAT!
ESCAPE ...
DISAPPOINTED, BLUECAT!!

Translator's Notes

Name Convention:

BLUECAT, Goodboy	——	Aoneko Kyojiro
LITTLEWOODS, Tigerman	——	Kobayashi Torato
BEE PRINCE	——	Hachioji

ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON	-------	Matatabi
BEAR-BARN	-------	Kumakura
DOG-RAISER, Chuuya	-------	Inukai Chuuya

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There was a brief news report in the next day's 'Kahou Club" Extra
DETECTIVE BEE-PRINCE! IT WAS SENSEI! SENSEI WAS ...!!
"Under the observation of the Ultra-Beauty Demon, Detective Bluecat was abducted by Glass Bat"

Case Six (Part B) - A C[illegible]ecat

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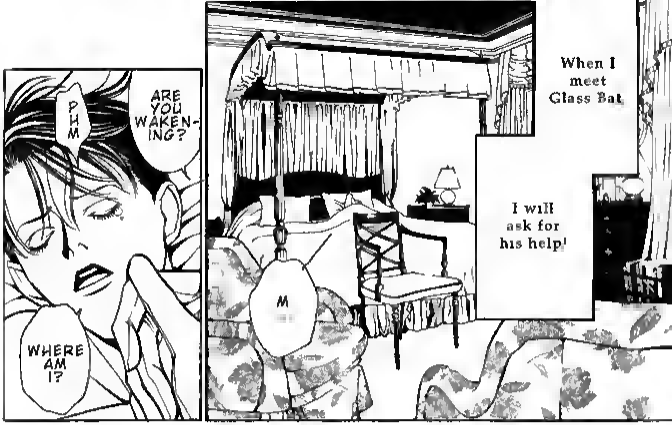
WE RUSHED THERE WHEN WE WERE INFORMED BY ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON, ONLY TO FIND THE ROOM EMPTY
.....
GLASS BAT MUST HAVE CHANGED
HE MIGHT HAVE KILLED THAT CHILD
THE DEAD BODY OF COUNT BEAR-BARN'S GRANDSON WAS THE ONLY THING LEFT
IF THAT TURNS OUT TO BE TRUE, BLUECAT
LITTLE-WOODS?
WE MUST DO WHAT WE CAN, DETECTIVE BEE-PRINCE.
I AM GOING TO SEARCH FOR SENSEI

DETECTIVE BEE-PRINCE, PLEASE GO TO BEAR-BARN'S RESIDENCE ONE MORE TIME. PLEASE COLLECT MORE INFORMATION
WHEN TALKING, PLEASE LET THEM KNOW YOUR NAME AND MINE!
NAME
DO YOU THINK THAT BLUECAT MIGHT HAVE LEFT A MESSAGE, ESPECIALLY TO US?

I WILL GO BACK TO THE INFOR-MATION CENTER
PLEASE DO GIVE OUR NAMES, DETECTIVE BEE-PRINCE
I WANT TO TALK DIRECTLY TO THE GLASS BAT
SPREAD THE NEWS THAT DETECTIVE BEE-PRINCE AND I WANT TO SEE GLASS BAT!
GREAT!
I LIKE IT, LITTLEWOODS!
YES!
Sensei, I still don't believe that Glass Bat kidnapped sensei regardless


When I meet Glass Bat
I will ask for his help!
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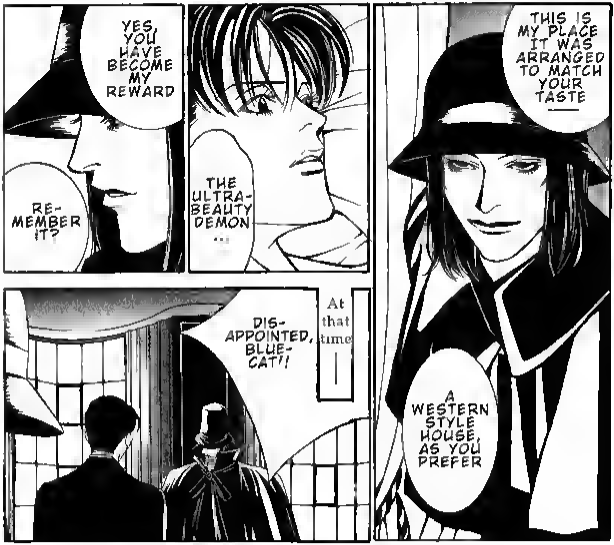
PHM
ARE YOU WAKENING?
WHERE AM I?


YES, YOU HAVE BECOME MY REWARD
RE-MEMBER IT?
THE ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON ...
THIS IS MY PLACE IT WAS ARRANGED TO MATCH YOUR TASTE
A WESTERN STYLE HOUSE, AS YOU PREFER
At that time I
DIS-APPOINTED, BLUE-CAT?!

BARON, CALM DOWN
WHY IS THAT ?! HI
SHOULDN'T BE HERE
DO WHAT YOU LIKE!
YOU GO WITH ME
?OOM
YOU ...
!
DON'T GET TOO EXCITED THE WORD ...
ON THE STREETS, IS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ABDUCTED BY THE GLASS BAT
A DRUG
NO WONDER I FEEL TIRED
SO YOU KIDNAPPED ME?
THE POLICE WON'T LET YOU GO ...

YOU'RE A PRETTY SCARY PERSON. YOU MAY BE HIDING SMALL DETECTIVE GADGETS SOMEWHERE ON YOUR BODY
ALL CLOTHES ARE TO BE IN MY CHARGE EXCLUSIVELY
BY THE WAY,
WHAT!! THAT WAS A TOP QUALITY PEARL!!
IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN LOST WHEN I WAS BUMPING MY WAY THROUGH BEAR-BARN'S MANSION! IT WAS ENTIRELY YOUR FAULT!!
WELL...
A CUFF BUTTON HAS GOTTEN LOST SOMEWHERE...
I MUST BE WELL PREPARED FOR OUR DETECTIVE COMPETITION...
I SHALL PRESENT YOU A SIMILAR PEARL OF THE SAME QUALITY

I WILL PROVIDE YOU THE MOST LUXURIOUS AND ENJOYABLE LIFE STYLE TO MATCH YOUR STATUS,
THE LIFE STYLE THAT THE DISGRACED GLASS BAT WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE
MY LOVE, YOU WILL LIVE WITH ME
AND I WILL PROVE ALL THE PLEA-SURES TO YOU AT ONCE ...
NO! I DON'T WANT IT
FU, FU PERFECT I WAS FEELING A BIT TIRED, TOO
LET'S REST FOR NOW

I WAS ABOUT TO SLEEP BESIDE YOU BUT,
I HAVE NO GUARANTEE OF NOT BEING KILLED IN MY SLEEP TONIGHT
ALLOW ME TO MAKE A RAIN CHECK FOR ANOTHER JOYFUL NIGHT ...
PON

Since the morning I have tried to find a trace of you Bluecat
However, Ultra beauty demon has disappeared from Bear-Barn's mansion I feel a chill down my spine
YES HE HASTILY LEFT IN THE EARLY MORNING HIS LUGGAGE INCLUDED A LARGE BLACK TRUNK
OUR CAR DELIVERED HIM TO THE STATION
IT MUST BE AFTER THE POLICE LEFT
UM, I PRESUME THAT YOU ARE THE DETECTIVE BEE-PRINCE?
YES
DURING LAST NIGHT'S DETECTIVE COM-PETITION,
BARON BLUECAT DROPPED IN THE MAID'S ROOM HE BRIEFLY INSTRUCTED ME TO PASS
THIS ONE, SPEC-IFICALLY, TO
A CERTAIN DETECTIVE BEE-PRINCE

CHING
IT TOOK DONKEY'S YEARS TO GET THE JOINTS OUT
KALAN KALAN
At a time, like this, the skills that one learnt from Glass Bat become frustrating
AND THAT GLASS BAT GUY WAS REALLY DUMB
Ultra-Beauty Demon must show me the real Glass Bat in that place
KACHA KACHA KACHA
HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND MY PLOT
He challenged me that as part of the detective competition

must have perceived a danger around me. He would definitely show up in that place
.....
When the news that I had agreed to participate in the competition went out, Glass Bat
kacha to cha
bzuuh
"DISAPPOINTED"? WHAT A COMMENT THAT WAS! I SHOULD'VE SAID THAT!
ANNOYING
JEEZ, I AM NOT A KID ANYMORE!
There may be a possibility that
the Ultra-Beauty Demon once was the Glass Bat's apprentice

A PILE OF SECOND RATE TREASURES
NARCISSUS KNIFE
THE CRIMINAL REALLY WAS ULTRA BEAUTY DEMON
That is why he knew about Glass Bat and me
That Ultra Beauty Demon...
I did not expect Glass Bat to show up last night
may understand Glass Bat better than me

I SEE
To a person like Glass Bat, this
HUH, THIS LOCK?
I HAVE YET SEEN SUCH A THING!

CHING
CHING

THANK YOU FOR SUMMONING A SILLY PERSON LIKE ME
LITTLE-WOODS,

IT IS SO NICE THAT YOU CAME
I MADE A SERIOUS MISTAKE
PLEASE FORGIVE ME

SO YOU WENT TO BEAR-BARN'S MANSION?
YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT SENSEI
I LOST MY PATIENCE
THE ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON STAGED THE WHOLE GAME
HE KEPT UP THE CHALLENGE TO BLUECAT'S DETECTIVE METHODS TO THE LAST NIGHT

THAT WAS THE ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON'S BOOBY TRAP
*CANDLE STICK WAS SET UP TO TRIGGER THE FIRE CRACKERS
PA
PA
PA
AROUND ELEVEN, I STEPPED INTO A HIDDEN ROOM
IMMEDIATELY, I HEARD THE SOUND OF FIRE-CRACKERS
QUICKLY
ESCAPE GLASS BAT!
The cold body of a lifeless child was lying on the floor
I left Bluecat there How stupid I was!
TO WHAT YOU WANTED?
What Bluecat has said shocked me On top of that, I was enraged

ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, HE WOULD SPOT BLUECAT.
IT DID INDEED
SO, IT STARTED IN THE PAST?
AT THE TIME, HE OBSTINATELY DESIRED TO ENSNARL BLUECAT UNDER HIS SPELL
TEN YEARS AGO, ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON WAS EXPELLED HE WAS MY FIRST APPRENTICE

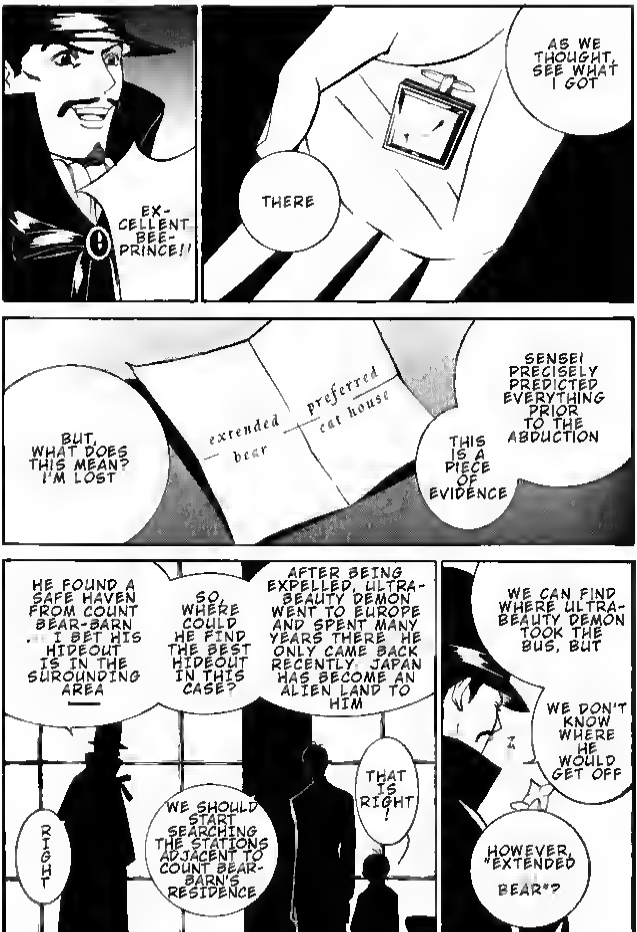
NO WONDER HE WAS EXPELLED
I SEE. I HAVE MADE MY DECISION.
HE IS THAT KIND OF MAN
HE HAS AN EXCEPTIONAL BRAIN. HE WAS A SUPERB LOCKSMITH
BUT, HE'D RATHER KILL PEOPLE TO GET WHAT HE WANTS THAN TO UTILIZE HIS SKILLS

LET US TOGETHER SAVE SENSEI !!
PLEASE LEND US YOUR HAND, GLASS BAT

I AM SORRY, I AM LITTLE-WOODS!
!
AS I THOUGHT
ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE THIS MORNING
DETECTIVE BEE-PRINCE, THE CRIMINAL IS INDEED ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON
GLASS BAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT
INSTEAD, A MAID OF THE BEAR-BARNS PASSED ME ONE OF BLUECAT'S CUFF BUTTONS
WHERE?!
GIVE IT TO ME, DETECTIVE BEE-PRINCE, PLEASE!!
LITTLEWOODS, IS THIS A MESSENGER?
YES, IT IS
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION TOOL BETWEEN SENSEI AND ME
OPEN

THAT WAS THE ROOM OF THE ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON
THAT GUY LEFT THE MANSION WITH A LARGE BLACK TRUNK!
SENSEI MUST BE IN THE TRUNK!!
Second floor
Third room from the West
Large black trunk
7
Abduction
"SECOND FLOOR, THIRD ROOM FROM THE WEST, LARGE BLACK TRUNK"
"ABDUCTION"
WHAT A CUNNING MAN... BLUECAT HAD LONG ANTICIPATED HIS FUTURE ABDUCTION AND SET UP COUNTER-MEASURES. THIS IS WHAT I BELEIVE
IN OTHER WORDS,
BLUECAT FACILITATED HIS OWN ABDUCTION
DID THE MAID RECIEVE THE CUFF DIRECTLY FROM BLUECAT?
YES, DURING THE DETECTIVE COM-PETITION
THE NOTE MUST HAVE BEEN WRITTEN LONG BEFORE BLUECAT'S ABDUCTION

AND, FROM THIS POINT ON, BLUECAT HIMSELF
NOW, WE MUST FIND OUT THE HIDEOUT OF ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON
HAS BECOME THE EYE WITNESS OF THE ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON'S CRIME!
Ultra Beauty Demon has previously been seen standing at the station
THE GUY HOPPED ON A BUS AT THE NUMBER THREE PLATFORM
I WATCHED HIM BECAUSE I HAD A CONTRACT!
A CONTRACT ?
UNDER-STAND !
IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SEARCH FOR ONE MORE CLUE
A HANDSOME BIG BROTHER MADE ME TO DO IT
I GOT A NICE BUTTON FROM HIS SLEEVE
I CAN MAKE GOOD MONEY OUT OF IT !!


EX-CELLENT BEE-PRINCE!!
THERE
AS WE THOUGHT, SEE WHAT I GOT
BUT, WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? I'M LOST
exrended bear
preferred cat house
THIS IS A PIECE OF EVIDENCE
SENSEI PRECISELY PREDICTED EVERYTHING PRIOR TO THE ABDUCTION
HE FOUND A SAFE HAVEN FROM COUNT BEAR-BARN I BET HIS HIDEOUT IS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA
SO, WHERE COULD HE FIND THE BEST HIDEOUT IN THIS CASE?
AFTER BEING EXPELLED, ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON WENT TO EUROPE AND SPENT MANY YEARS THERE. HE ONLY CAME BACK RECENTLY. JAPAN HAS BECOME AN ALIEN LAND TO HIM
RIGHT
WE SHOULD START SEARCHING THE STATIONS ADJACENT TO COUNT BEAR-BARN'S RESIDENCE
THAT IS RIGHT!
WE CAN FIND WHERE ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON TOOK THE BUS, BUT
WE DON'T KNOW WHERE HE WOULD GET OFF
HOWEVER, "EXTENDED BEAR"?

I WILL TAKE THE FIRST BUS TOMORROW! I WILL CHECK IT OUT STOP BY STOP
BRILLIANT, GLASS BAT!
AND PREFERRED CAT HOUSE?
THIS HIDEOUT PLACE HAS TO FIT BLUECAT'S TASTE. BLUECAT WAS BORN AND RAISED IN AN ARISTOCRATIC LIFE STYLE. WE KNOW BLUECAT'S PREFERENCE
WE CAN SET OFF IMMEDIATELY, LITTLE-WOODS
WE WILL PICK UP MORE NEWS ON OUR WAY
.....
I HAVE A CAR READY, I ALSO HAD MY STUDENTS COLLECT INFORMATION FOR US
WE WILL NARROW THE SEARCH TO COUNT BEAR BARN'S LAND
SPECIFICALLY TO AN EMPTY, WESTERN STYLED HOUSE
WE SHOULD REVIEW THE PLAN, GLASS BAT
YES, SIR!
WELL, LET'S GET READY!

THANK YOU BEE-PRINCE
BUT, THERE IS ANOTHER MORE URGENT REASON
I HESITATED TO SAY IT IN FRONT OF LITTLE-WOODS
AH, I UNDER-STAND

THE PERSON OVER THERE NOT ONLY WANTS BLUECAT, BUT ALSO
ENVIES HIM

I wonder whether Bee-Prince has found my cuffs
DAR LING GOOD BOY
I hope that Tigerman is precisely imple-menting my plan
STOMP
STOMP

I DON'T LIKE IT
QUIT THE "DARLING" THING

IT HURTS YOU ARE TOO HEAVY
DON'T LIE YOU HAVE BEEN BURNING UP
I AM FED UP WITH THIS

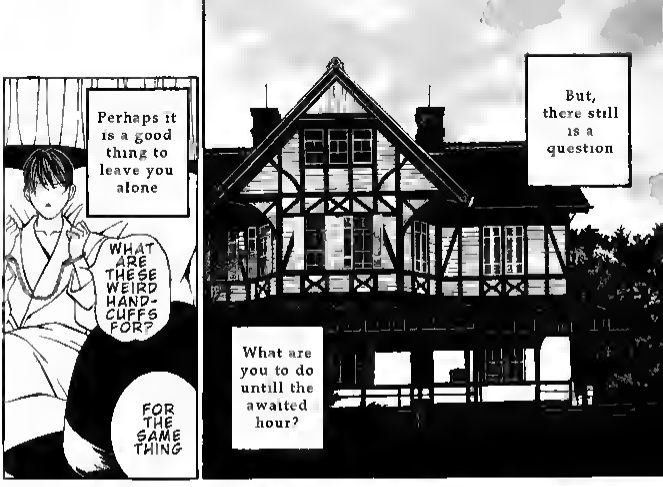
MY HEART FELT AS IF IT HAD BEEN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING
ON THAT SOUTHERN ISLE WHERE THE GLASS BAT'S CASTLE IS LOCATED
I SAW YOU FOR THE FIRST TIME MORE THAN TEN YEARS AGO

exuding a heartbreaking purity and haughtiness
You were standing there

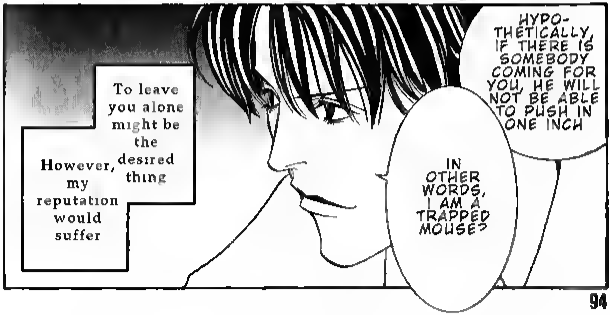
was kneeling and begging for you permission
At you feet, Glass Bat

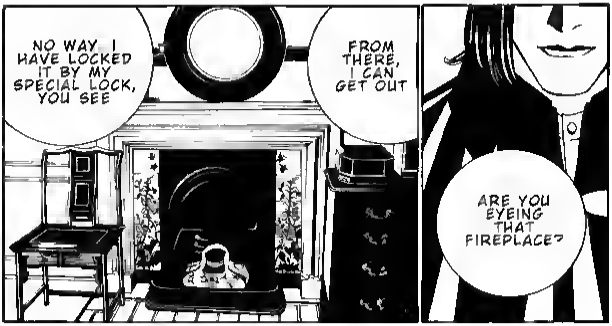
BECAUSE I AM NOT A CHILD ANYMORE ——

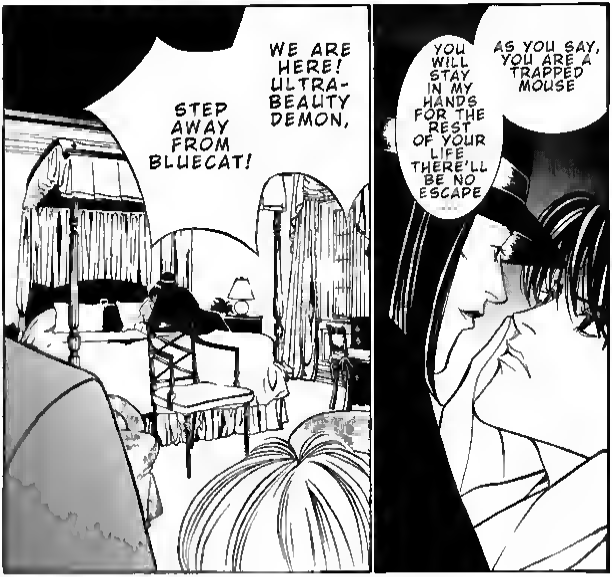
I HOPE THE LOCAL POLICE WILL GIVE US A HAND
LET'S TAKE A SHORT BREAK!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!
WE FOUND IT SO QUICKLY
WE'LL HAVE TO WALK AFTER THAT POINT
DON'T YOU THINK MY CAR IS TOO FAST FOR THE LOCAL POLICE?
NO! THE FASTER, THE BETTER!
RIGHT?
RIGHT!
You have mobilized all into your "abduction" plot---
Tigerman's cleverness, Bee-Prince's strength, and my power---
Bluecat, you are one heck of a detective


Perhaps it is a good thing to leave you alone
WHAT ARE THESE WEIRD HAND-CUFFS FOR?
FOR THE SAME THING
But, there still is a question
What are you to do untill the awaited hour?

OH, YES I HAVE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT
THE LOCKS ARE MY UNIQUE CRAFTMAN-SHIP GLASS BAT WON'T BE ABLE TO OPEN THEM
IN CASE YOU TRY TO ESCAPE AGAIN
THERE IS ANOTHER WONDERFUL LOCK AT THE END OF THE HALL


To leave you alone might be the desired thing
However, my reputation would suffer
HYPO-THETICALLY, IF THERE IS SOMEBODY COMING FOR YOU, HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PUSH IN ONE INCH
IN OTHER WORDS, I AM A TRAPPED MOUSE?


NO WAY. I HAVE LOCKED IT BY MY SPECIAL LOCK, YOU SEE
FROM THERE, I CAN GET OUT
ARE YOU EYEING THAT FIREPLACE?


STEP AWAY FROM BLUECAT!
WE ARE HERE! ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON,
AS YOU SAY, YOU ARE A TRAPPED MOUSE
YOU WILL STAY IN MY HANDS FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE THERE'LL BE NO ESCAPE

SENSEI!! WE ARE HERE TO SAVE YOU !!
TIGERMAN !! BEE-PRINCE !!
HOW CAN THEY GET IN HERE ?
WHOA
WHAT !!
ME TOO YOUNG DOG-RAISER
OR SHALL WE SAY ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON ?
.....

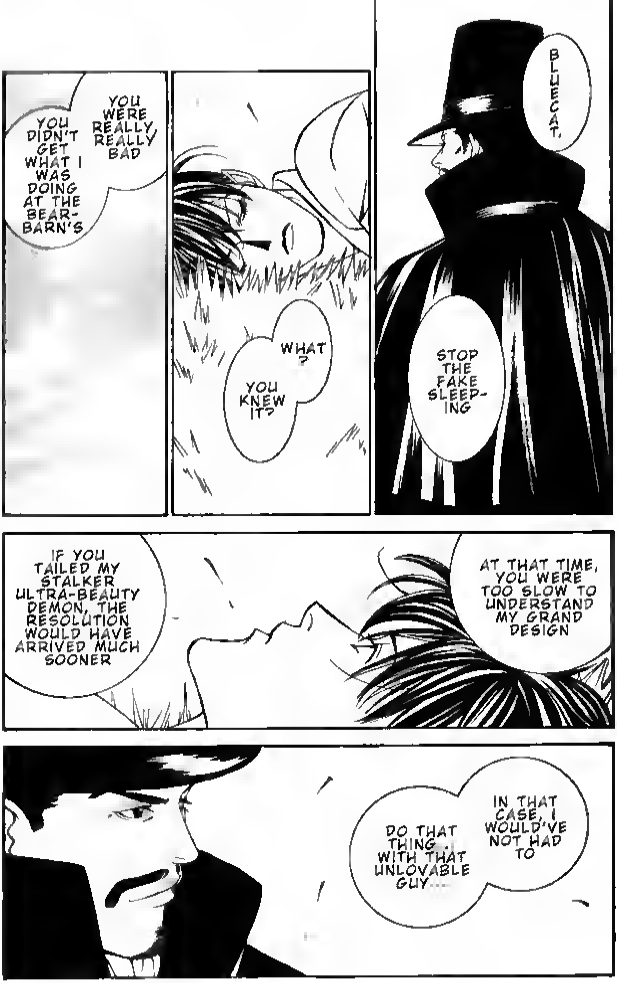
AH
AH
THIS IS HYPNO-SIS
DON
YOU ARE THE ADULT
TELL ME, PLEASE
WHAT IS THIS?
TIGER-MAN
TO STEAL THE BARON, COULDN'T I?
NORMMALLY, I COULD KILL PEOPLE, OPEN THE LOCK AND TAKE THE ROUTE THROUGH THE BASMENT

WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU LEARN IN EUROPE, DOG-RAISER?
YOU HAVN'T IMPROVED YOUR CRAFT AT ALL

IF THERE REALLY WAS SUCH A LOCK THAT "EVEN THE GLASS BAT CAN NOT OPEN",
A LOCK THAT "EVEN THE GLASS BAT CAN NOT OPEN" DOES NOT EXIST

BUT YOU MUST GIVE BACK BARON BLUECAT

COME SHOW ME, PLEASE
WE COULD SAY YOU ARE NOT DEFEATED THIS TIME


BLUECAT,
STOP THE FAKE SLEEPING-
WHAT?
YOU KNEW IT?
YOU WERE REALLY REALLY BAD
YOU DIDN'T GET WHAT I WAS DOING AT THE BEAR-BARN'S
AT THAT TIME, YOU WERE TOO SLOW TO UNDERSTAND MY GRAND DESIGN
IF YOU TAILED MY STALKER ULTRA-BEAUTY DEMON, THE RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE ARRIVED MUCH SOONER
IN THAT CASE, I WOULD'VE NOT HAD TO
DO THAT THING... WITH THAT UNLOVABLE GUY

I WAS OVERLY CONFIDENT, OKAY? GOODBOY
I did all I could for your sake
I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT...

END

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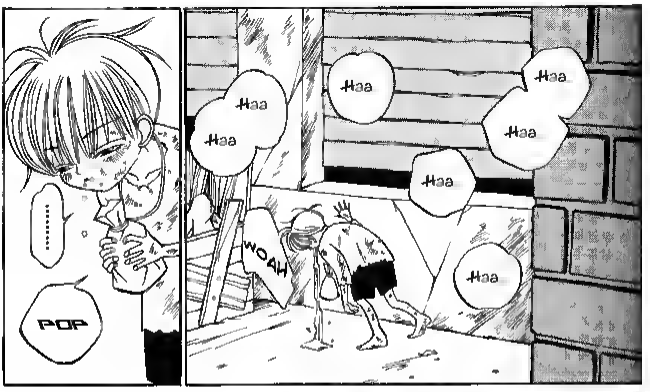
Case Seven — A Family of Forgery (Part A)

When I was four years old a strange old lady gave me this gold pocket watch
"You mustn't tell anybody. This is from your father to you only—"
I had no idea how it worked. At times, it would hum Western music.
Inside of the cover, there was the picture of a beautiful woman

*Original Japanese – Misou

MASTER WEASEL, BIG TROUBLE!
THAT BRAT COULD NOT BE FOUND ANYWHERE!!
YOU HAVE ALWAYS DONE IT IN THE SEVERE-SEVERE FASHION,
MASTER WEASEL.
HE DESERVES MORE!!
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT HE COULD ESCAPE...!
THE ROOM'S EMPTY!!
WHAT!?
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE!! FIND HIM IMMEDIATELY!!
GET HIM BACK ASAP!!!


POP
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WOAH
Haa
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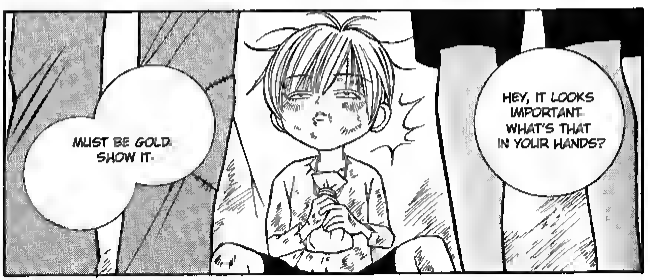
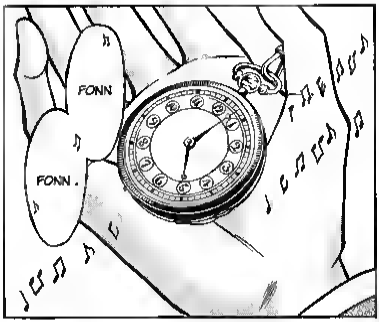
gochi


MUST BE GOLD. SHOW IT.
HEY, IT LOOKS IMPORTANT. WHAT'S THAT IN YOUR HANDS?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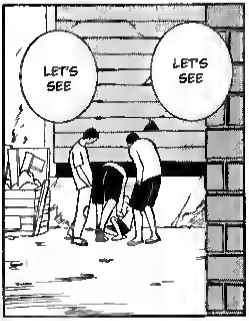

LET'S SEE
LET'S SEE

Pavilion of Moonlight
HEY, THERE, IS THAT A MUSIC-BOX POCKET WATCH?
HOW PRECIOUS! WHERE DID YOU GET IT?
WHAT? WHO ARE YOU?

FOO FOO FOON
FO...ON

Good boy 20 years old
I APOLOGIZE FOR MY INTRUSION I AM GOODBOY BLUECAT.
I'M A REGULAR AT THIS PLACE OF PROSTITUTION.
JUST LIKE YOU, I LOVE THE GIRLS HERE.

SFX Ha Ha HA
あ あ あ あ あ
EXCUSE ME! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

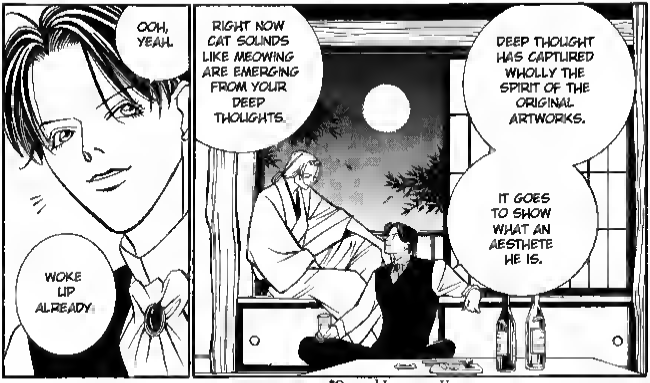
WOAH!
STOP!
GIVE IT BACK!
KA

I LOST MY WALLET!
THE HECK?
WAIT.
OOPS.
TA
SOMEBODY TOOK MY WALLET!

Grabbing
GIVE MY WALLET BACK!!
ARE YOU GOING TO STEAL THAT WATCH, TOO?!
HEY, YOU! CALM DOWN
HE
HE HE
GIVE BACK BOTH ITEMS TOGETHER!
YOUR WALLET IS HERE
I GOT IT BACK

ZOOM
JEE
JEEZ!
LADIES, SEE YOU LATER (*HEART)
HELLOO.
BRAVO!
SUGAR CAT, SPLENDID!
HERE, THIS IS YOUR STUFF.
SSS
WE MET THROUGH THE CIRCUMSTANCES, KID.
HUH.
DON'T STEAL ANYMORE, OK?
DIZZY
.....

FATHER.
A POCKET-WATCH WITH A MUSIC BOX...
YOU...!
HEY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
MR. CAT HAS A SHARP EYE FOR JUDGING SUCH THINGS.
TO DO THAT, ONE REQUIRES GREAT CONFIDENCE.
ON SUCH OCCASIONS, AN EYE FOR JUDGMENT IS NOT NEEDED, BUT AN EYE FOR THE AESTHETICS.
THE FORGERIES FROM DEEP THOUGHT ARE PERFECT. I FEEL ENTHRALLED THESE DAYS.
REALLY...
ONE MUSTN'T SCRATCH THE PICTURE ITSELF.
TO SHOW THE SIGNATURE UNDER THE PAINTS



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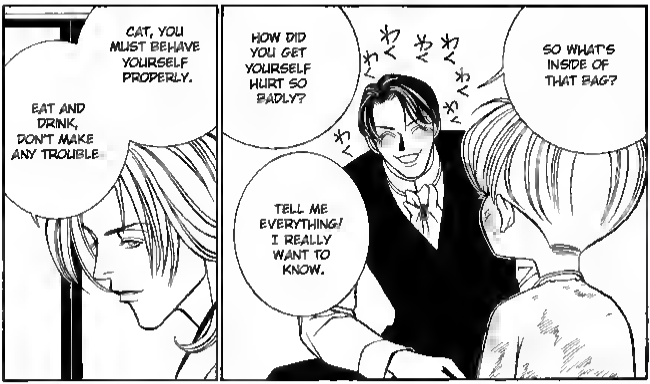
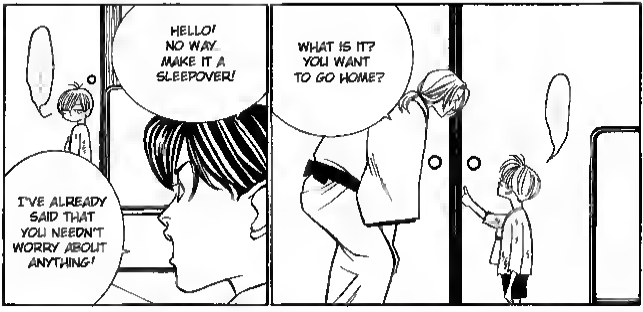
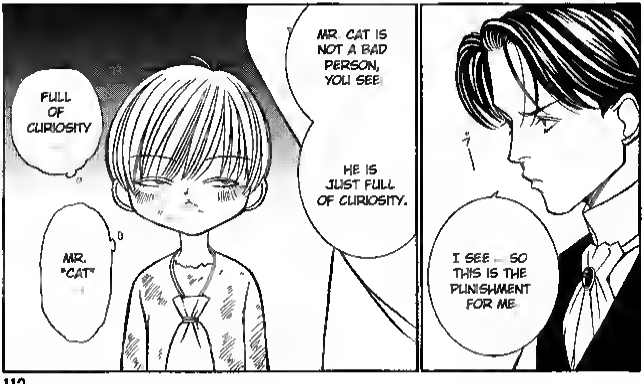
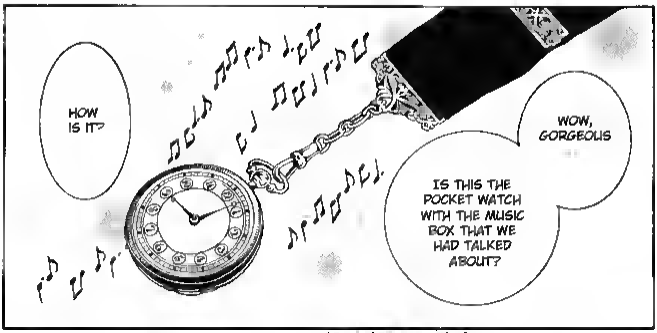



I'VE ALREADY SAID THAT YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING!
HELLO! NO WAY. MAKE IT A SLEEPOVER!
WHAT IS IT? YOU WANT TO GO HOME?

COME NOW, AT LEAST FINISH THE MEAL. MR. CAT WILL ACCOMPANY YOU HOME AFTERWARDS
YOU WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY OUT SO LATE IF YOU WERE THIS KID
CAT, IT IS NOT PROPER TO FORCE OTHERS LIKE THIS FOR NO REASON.


FULL OF CURIOSITY
MR. "CAT"
MR. CAT IS NOT A BAD PERSON, YOU SEE
HE IS JUST FULL OF CURIOSITY.
I SEE... SO THIS IS THE PUNISHMENT FOR ME.



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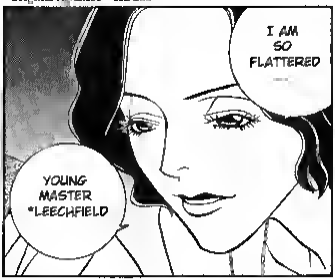
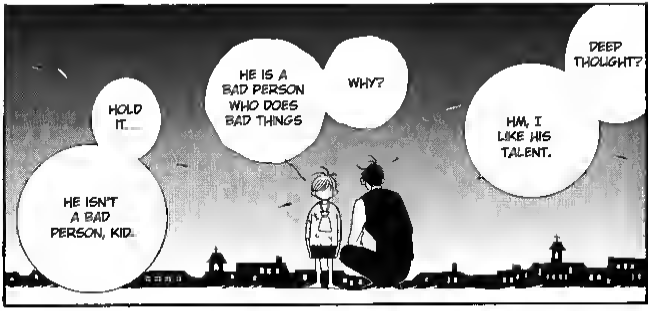


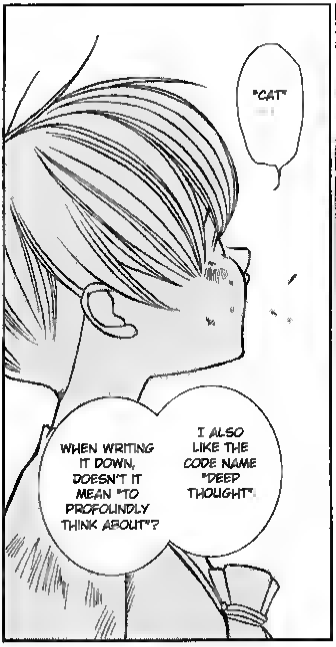
THIS WATCH IS VERY VALUABLE!
WOW
FIVE TIMES MORE?!
LET'S NEGOTIATE A DEAL WITH THAT COLLECTOR BARON.
HE WOULD PAY FIVE TIMES MORE FOR SUCH QUALITY STUFF
IT HAS TO BE A VALUABLE ITEM, YOUNG MASTER...
HM... ARE YOU SURE ABOUT IT?
HE WILL DO THIS FAVOR IN ORDER TO PURCHASE THE WATCH FROM ME
DID YOU KNOW THAT IT IS VERY EASY TO SELL SUCH QUALITY THINGS, LIKE THAT WATCH YOU HOLD, TO THE BARON?
HM.
SOUNDS GOOD
EXCELLENT! YOUNG MASTER, I AM HAPPY!! I LOVE YOU!!
OKAY I HAVE BEEN DOING ALL THE TALKING
DON'T YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?
.....

NOT EVEN THAT?
A SONG
NO...
HOW ABOUT SINGING A SONG?
SING YOUR FAVORITE SONG!
MM -M...
MM... MM
MM... MM... MM... MM... MM
MMM...
LA. LA. LA
MMM... MMM...M MMM...

LA LA LA
MM MM
MM
MM
LA LA LA
MM MM-M MM
MM
HUH?
YOU DON'T KNOW LEECHFIELD? HE'S THAT RICH BEAU WHO LOST THE WALLET.
IT SOUNDS LIKE THE SONG FROM THE POCKET WATCH THAT LEECHFIELD KID HAS.
IT SOUNDS QUITE FAMILIAR.
BUT LOOK AT ME, I HAVE TO WORK FOR MY OWN MONEY! TO ME A SWEET FAMILY IS...
THE GUY SPENDS HIS FATHER'S MONEY FREELY, BEING SHOWY AND UNDISCIPLINED
HE'S WOOING THIS YAYOI GIRL AT THE PAVILION OF MOONLIGHT, HE'S COME QUITE OFTEN, THESE SEVERAL WEEKS PAST.
HE IS ABOUT MY AGE AND ABOUT MY BUILD...

YOU MISSED ALL THE "MI" NOTES IN THE LAST TUNE, DID YOU KNOW?
YOU MISSED A NOTE SOMEWHERE
OTHERWISE, YOU'RE QUITE TALENTED.
?
I DID NOT MISS ANYTHING.
YOU ASKED ME TO SING MY FAVORITE SONG
?
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT DEEP THOUGHT?
HM, THAT'S ODD HM? HM...

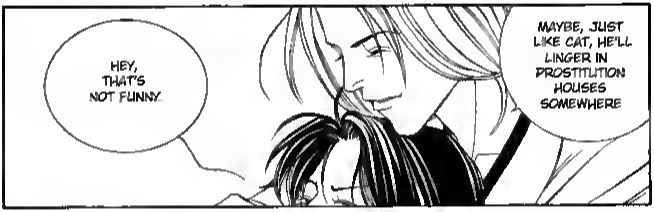

HOLD IT...
HE ISN'T A BAD PERSON, KID.
HE IS A BAD PERSON WHO DOES BAD THINGS
WHY?
HM, I LIKE HIS TALENT.
DEEP THOUGHT?


"CAT"
I ALSO LIKE THE CODE NAME "DEEP THOUGHT".
WHEN WRITING IT DOWN, DOESN'T IT MEAN "TO PROFOUNDLY THINK ABOUT"?

I THINK HE'S TRYING TO STOP MORE CRIMES
WHY DID HE LEAVE HIS SIGNATURES ON THE REPLICAS IN THE FIRST PLACE?
IN ANY CASE, ONE SHOULD LEAVE IT TO THE PROBLEM SOLVING EXPERT, DETECTIVE "CAT," TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO STOP THE CRIMES.

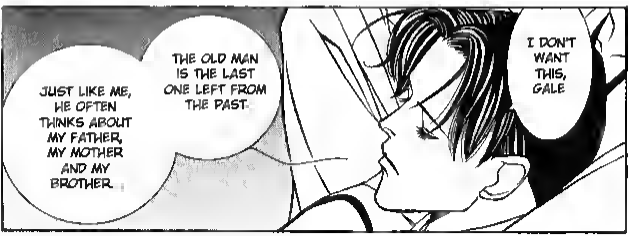
I AM LEAVING, ALL RIGHT?
WE SHOULD STOP HERE
OK
IF A PERSON PROFOUNDLY THINKS ABOUT SOMEBODY,
HE WILL DEVOTE HIS LIFE TO THE BELOVED ONE, AS PEOPLE OFTEN SAY.
IF YOU WANT TO TALK, COME AND TALK
I'M ALWAYS AT THE PAVILION OF MOONLIGHT
I AM SORRY FOR BOTHERING YOU.

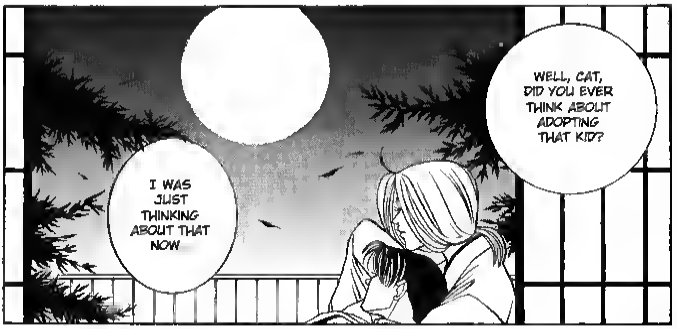
I WONDER WHERE HE'S GOING TO SLEEP...
HE'S PROBABLY NOT GOING BACK TO HIS HOME

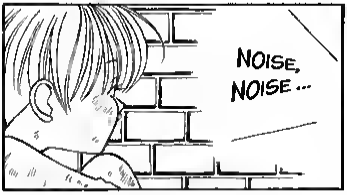

HEY, THAT'S NOT FUNNY.
MAYBE, JUST LIKE CAT, HE'LL LINGER IN PROSTITUTION HOUSES SOMEWHERE

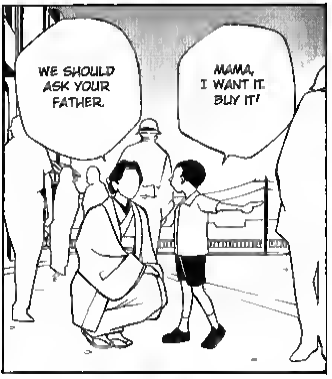
CAT, YOU HAVE TO GO HOME.
YOU SHOULD NOT LEAVE THAT ZOMBIE-LIKE OLD MAN ALL BY HIMSELF TOO OFTEN.
GO SPEND SOME TIME IN YOUR HOUSE.
CAT, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT KIND OF CURS WITH THAT LOCK?
I DID NOT HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT HIS COMPANIONS

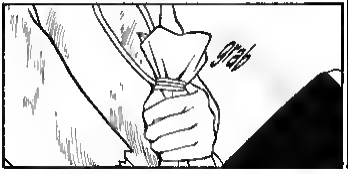
THIS IS NOT THE MEDICINE TO CURE MY WOUNDS NOT AT ALL...
I HAVE HEARD MANY HAPPY CHILDHOOD MEMORIES FROM CAT.
YOUR FATHER, MOTHER AND BIG BROTHER LEFT MANY OF THEIR MARKS IN THAT HOUSE. YOU LOVED THEM VERY MUCH


I DON'T WANT THIS, GALE
THE OLD MAN IS THE LAST ONE LEFT FROM THE PAST.
JUST LIKE ME, HE OFTEN THINKS ABOUT MY FATHER, MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHER.

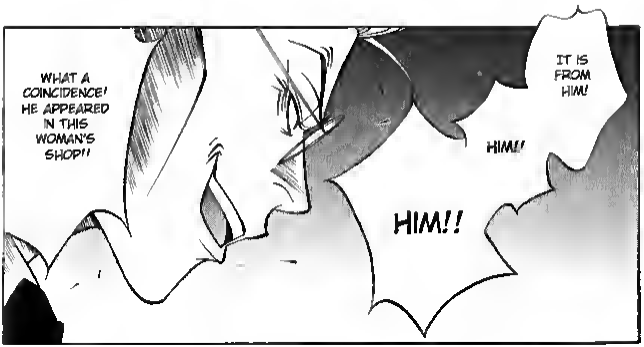

WELL, CAT, DID YOU EVER THINK ABOUT ADOPTING THAT KID?
I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT THAT NOW

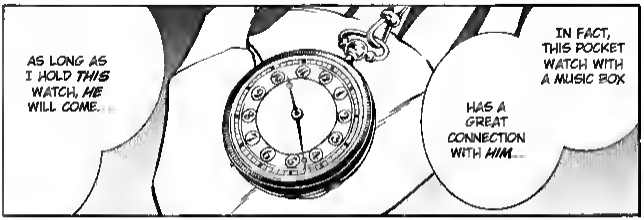

NOISE, NOISE...

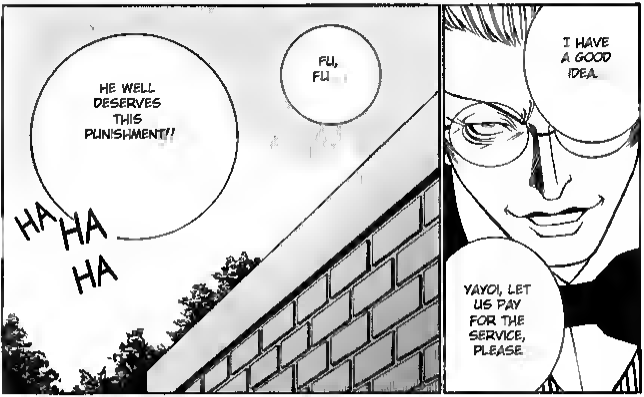

WE SHOULD ASK YOUR FATHER.
MAMA, I WANT IT. BUY IT!

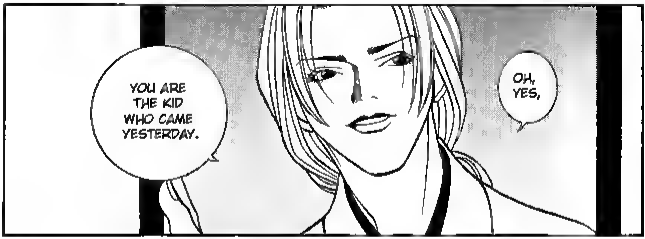

GRIP

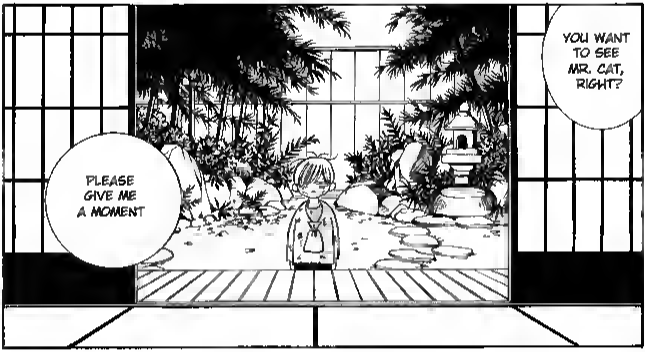
YOU GOT *THAT* POCKET WATCH WITH THE MUSIC BOX!!
YOU'RE INCREDIBLE, YAYOI!


WHAT A COINCIDENCE! HE APPEARED IN THIS WOMAN'S SHOP!!
IT IS FROM HIM!
HIM!!
HIM!!


AS LONG AS I HOLD THIS WATCH, ME WILL COME.
IN FACT, THIS POCKET WATCH WITH A MUSIC BOX
HAS A GREAT CONNECTION WITH HIM...


HE WELL DESERVES THIS PUNISHMENT!!
FU, FU
HA HA HA
I HAVE A GOOD IDEA.
YAYOI, LET US PAY FOR THE SERVICE, PLEASE.


YOU ARE THE KID WHO CAME YESTERDAY.
OH, YES,


YOU WANT TO SEE MR. CAT, RIGHT?
PLEASE GIVE ME A MOMENT

HEY, CAT.
TA, TA, TA ...
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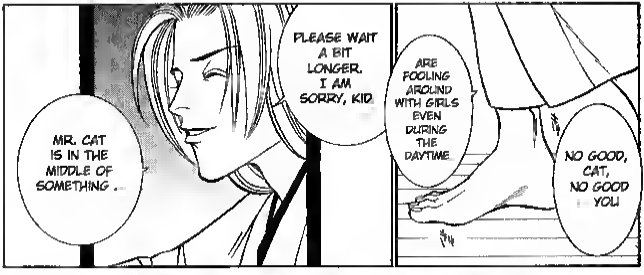
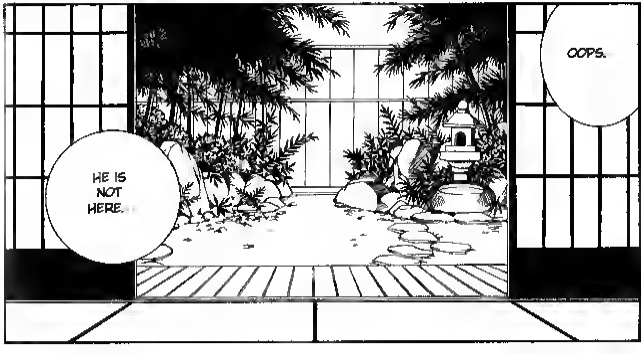
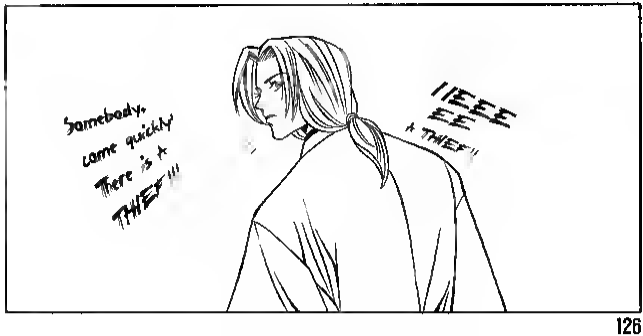
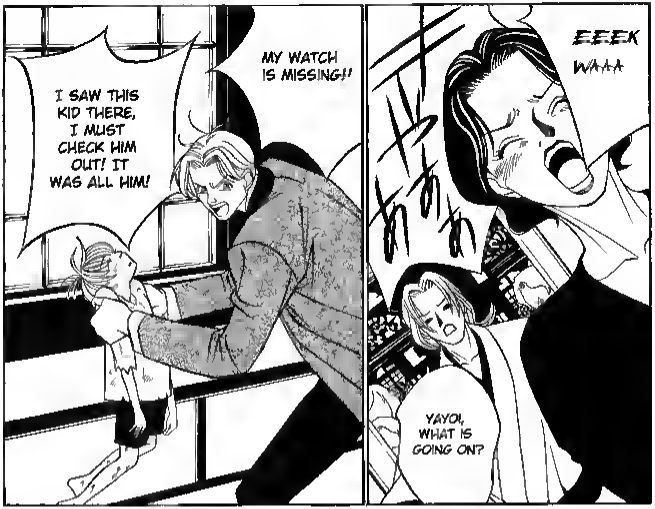
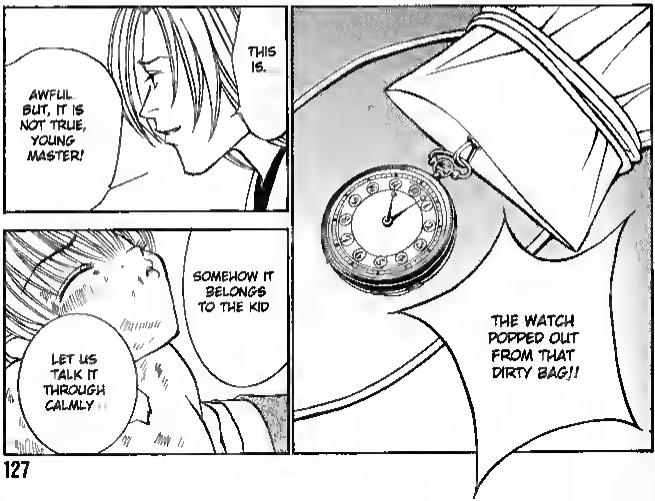

PLEASE WAIT A BIT LONGER. I AM SORRY, KID.
MR. CAT IS IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING...
ARE FOOLING AROUND WITH GIRLS EVEN DURING THE DAYTIME.
NO GOOD, CAT, NO GOOD YOU


OOPS.
HE IS NOT HERE...


Somebody, come quickly There is a THIEF!!!
IIEEE EE A THIEF!!


I SAW THIS KID THERE, I MUST CHECK HIM OUT! IT WAS ALL HIM!
MY WATCH IS MISSING!!
EEEK
WAAA
YAYOI, WHAT IS GOING ON?


AWFUL BUT, IT IS NOT TRUE, YOUNG MASTER!
THIS IS.
LET US TALK IT THROUGH CALMLY
SOMEHOW IT BELONGS TO THE KID
THE WATCH POPPED OUT FROM THAT DIRTY BAG!!

THAT WATCH BELONGS TO THIS KID!
THANKS, NIGHTINGALE
IF YOU STILL HAVE QUESTIONS LATER...
LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING!
YOU'RE THAT RUDE GUY FROM YESTERDAY!
OH, CAT...
THE GIRL...?
WELL, YOU DEFINITELY HAD ONE BUT, THIS BELONGS TO THE KID
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO SHOW YOU THE EVIDENCE?
THIS IS MY STUFF! YOU SAW IT YESTERDAY.

ALL THE "MI" NOTES WILL BE MISSING
WHEN THAT MUSIC BOX HUMS,
WHA AT?
YOU CAN'T PLAY IT WITHOUT ASKING!!
THEY ARE MISSING...
NO MI NOTE AT ALL. THE TUNE IS DIFFERENT FROM YESTERDAY'S...
HOW COULD...
I KNOW! THIS LITTLE BUG BROKE IT!!

POP
OKAY, LOOK AT THIS
IF THAT IS SO, THEN IT SHOULD BE AN EASY BREAK
YESTERDAY, YOU DROPPED IT THAT MIGHT BE THE CAUSE
GALE, PASS ME THE WATCH
AH HA—
As I thought
LOOK AT THIS! A COMBTOOTH-LIKE PART WAS UNSCREWED AND TAKEN AWAY
HOW CAN A CHILD ACCOMPLISH SUCH A DELICATE PROCEDURE WITH SUCH GREAT SOPHISTICATION? NOT TO MENTION IN SUCH A SHORT TIME.
THE PROPER EXPLANATION SHOULD BE THAT THIS TOOTH WAS *TAKEN OUT LONG AGO!*

*In Japanese, "Misou" (playing "mi" tone) is in the same pronunciation as "deep thought"

"FULL OF CURIOSITY"
MR. "CAT"
THIS PERSON'S BRAIN SPINS LIKE A WINDSTORM.
THE MYSTERIOUS DETECTIVE "CAT"...
SHOW ME YOUR WATCH, MR. LEECHFIELD.
HEY, KID... THE WATCH IS WITH WEASEL.
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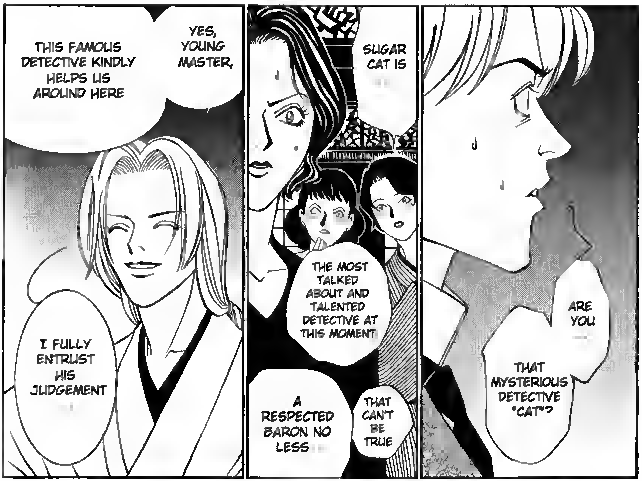
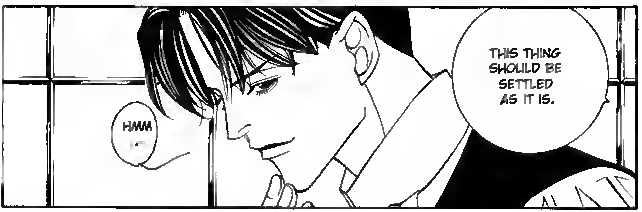
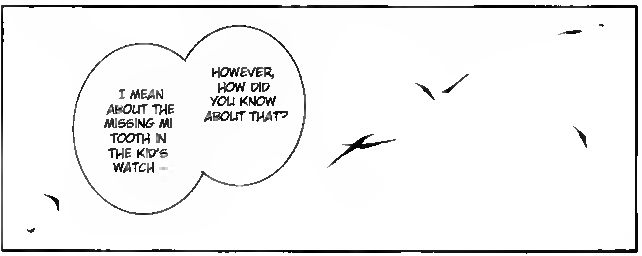
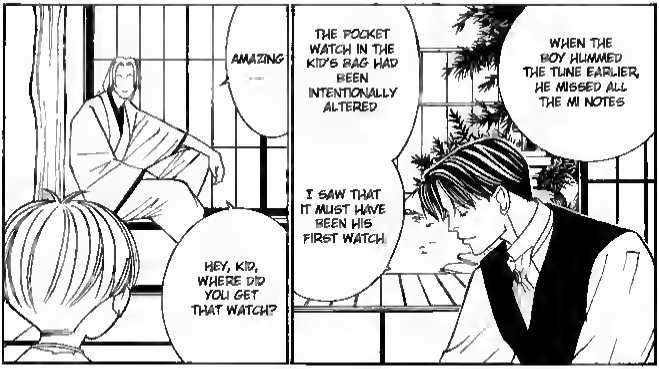
TO BE CONTINUED...

Case Seven – A Family of Forgery (Part B)


THIS FAMOUS DETECTIVE KINDLY HELPS US AROUND HERE
YES, YOUNG MASTER,
I FULLY ENTRUST HIS JUDGEMENT
SUGAR CAT IS
THE MOST TALKED ABOUT AND TALENTED DETECTIVE AT THIS MOMENT
A RESPECTED BARON NO LESS
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE
ARE YOU
THAT MYSTERIOUS DETECTIVE "CAT"?


HMM
THIS THING SHOULD BE SETTLED AS IT IS.


I MEAN ABOUT THE MISSING MI TOOTH IN THE KID'S WATCH
HOWEVER, HOW DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?

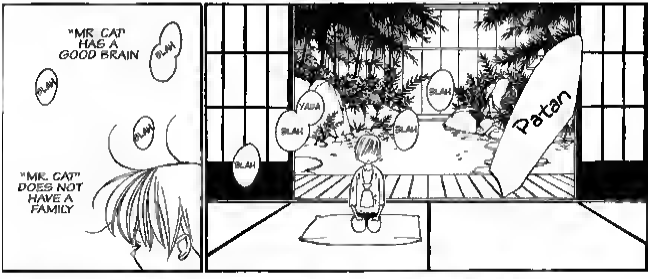

AMAZING
HEY, KID, WHERE DID YOU GET THAT WATCH?
THE POCKET WATCH IN THE KID'S BAG HAD BEEN INTENTIONALLY ALTERED
I SAW THAT IT MUST HAVE BEEN HIS FIRST WATCH
WHEN THE BOY HUMMED THE TUNE EARLIER, HE MISSED ALL THE MI NOTES

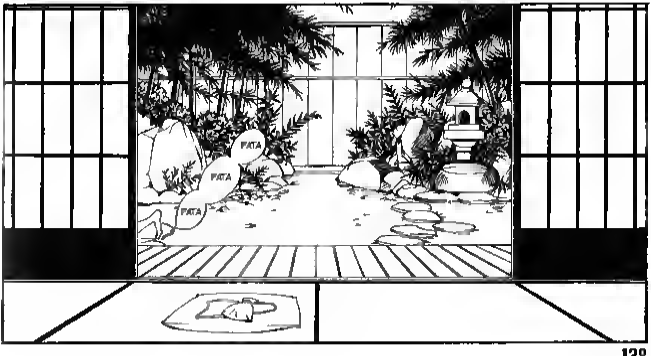
"YOUR MOTHER GAVE THIS TO YOUR FATHER AS HE WAS LEAVING."
THOSE WERE HIS LAST WORDS, BEFORE HE BREATHED HIS LAST BREATH
SHE SAID IT WAS FROM MY FATHER
WHEN I WAS FOUR, A STRANGE OLD WOMAN GAVE IT TO ME
HE HAD TUBERCULOSIS
YOUR FATHER

CAT HERE IS LIKE THE KID,
HIS ENTIRE FAMILY HAS PASSED AWAY. IT WAS SAD...
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, DON'T CRY ANYMORE, CAT. DON'T BE A CRY BABY.
I SEE...
I ALWAYS THINK ABOUT MY FAMILY,
THE KID DOES NOT
IT'S NOT THE SAME THING, GALE...
SOB
WAH...
WAHH.....
"PLAYING THE MI NOTE SIGNALS 'MISOU!'"...
LEECHFIELD'S WATCH DID PLAY A MI NOTE...
REMEMBER WHAT I MENTIONED EARLIER?
SNIFF

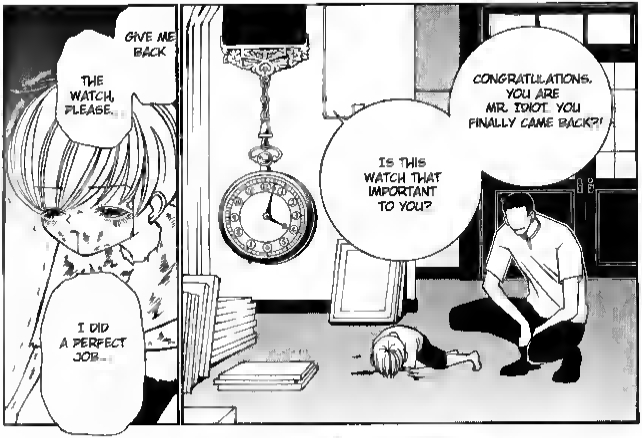
I THINK THAT IT MUST BE SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO THE KID'S PARENTS'S LOVE AFFAIR
HOWEVER, IF IT WAS,
I'M NOT CERTAIN
HEY, CAT,
YOU DON'T THINK THAT WATCH WAS DEEP THOUGHT'S REPLICA?
COMPARING HIS WITH THE OLD MASTERPIECE, DEEP THOUGHT ADDED HIS OWN UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK.
DEEP THOUGHT SIMPLIFIED THE DIFFICULT MESSAGE OF LOVE IN THE ORIGINAL WORK.
IN OTHER WORDS,
"DEEP THOUGHT CAPTURES WHOLLY THE SPIRIT OF THE ORIGINAL ARTWORK", DIDN'T I SAY THAT?
HENCE, THE PICTURE WAS PAINTED DEFINITELY BY THE KID'S FATHER
IF THAT'S THE TRUTH, THEN DEEP THOUGHT HAS REPRODUCED WITHOUT A DOUBT THE SECRET LOVE BETWEEN THOSE TWO!
THE BEAUTY PORTRAIT INSIDE THE COVER IS THAT OF
THE KID'S MOTHER, I'M SORRY TO SAY.

THIS CAT INTENDS TO KEEP A HUNDRED PEOPLE BUSY
WE MUST CHECK OUT SOMETHING PLEASE WAIT A SECOND!


"MR. CAT" HAS A GOOD BRAIN
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
"MR. CAT" DOES NOT HAVE A FAMILY
YAWA
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
Patan


PATA
PATA
PATA

THUS THE YOUNG MASTER'S WATCH WAS STOLEN BY YAYOI?
IS THAT TRUE? SHE IS THE GIRL WHO HAS A THIRD HAND
THE KID LEFT, EH
UM. THAT'S FINE
HE LEFT BEHIND HIS WATCH FOR SOME REASON...
HE LEFT HIS WATCH?
YAYOI'S MANIPULATOR IS AS THE SAME AS THE KID'S
I SAW HER SAY SOMETHING TO THE KID IN A VERY LOW VOICE
THIS, I INDUCE
LET'S DO IT
DON'T ALL THE GIRLS IN THE PAVILION OF MOONLIGHT DREAM OF YOU?
HEHE
HEH
KISS HER, FLIRT WITH HER, OR DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO BE A LADY-KILLER
I HIGHLY DOUBT I CAN SUCCEED IN MY ASSIGNMENT
GALE, I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU TO SQUEEZE OUT THE TRUTH FROM YAYOI. YOU MAY CALL THE POLICE IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY
I'LL CATCH UP WITH THE KID
I'M EXCITED.
HEY GALE IF EVERYTHING GOES WELL,
I MAY HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE DEEP THOUGHT


GIVE ME BACK
THE WATCH, PLEASE.
I DID A PERFECT JOB...
CONGRATULATIONS. YOU ARE MR. IDIOT. YOU FINALLY CAME BACK?!
IS THIS WATCH THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU?

THAT MYSTERIOUS DETECTIVE "CAT" HAS PROBABLY DISCOVERED YOUR HABIT OF FAINTING...
NOT REALLY. THAT JOB MAY ONLY LAST FOR A LITTLE WHILE AS PREDICTED

SO TO HELL WITH YOUR CUTE LITTLE COPY OF THE SIGNATURE!!

YOU DESERVE THIS SEVERE PUNISHMENT FROM ME TO YOU!!
SFX: FU
I SHOWED YOU A NEW FORGING TECHNIQUE WHEN WE TOOK THE BREAK, DIDN'T I?
A SUPREME TECHNIQUE WHICH WILL DECEIVE EVEN DETECTIVE CAT...
THIS WILL BE THE ULTIMATE PUNISHMENT FOR YOUR BEHAVIOR. KU, KU
I GAVE IT TO DETECTIVE CAT...
GIVE ME YOUR POCKET WATCH
ANYWAY
HUH?
I GAVE THE WATCH TO DETECTIVE CAT...

POSSESSING SUPERIOR ABILITY, THE CAT WILL SURELY SNIFF YOU OUT --EVEN IF YOU HIDE DEEP WITHIN YOUR BURROW
THE WATCH IS WITH DETECTIVE CAT AS WE SPEAK
YOU DAMNED LIAR!!
YET, IT WASN'T A LIE.
LIAR!! YOU BIG LIAR!!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THE CAT LIVES!
JUST AS NOBODY KNOWS WHO YOU ARE,
DOES ANYBODY KNOW WHO THAT CAT REALLY IS?!

HEY, WE MEET AGAIN, KID...
OR, SHOULD WE RATHER SAY DEEP THOUGHT?
THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE COOPERATION BETWEEN A TALENTED DETECTIVE AND AN INGENIOUS FORGER.
THE MYSTERIOUS DETECTIVE "CAT" IS ME!
I AM HOLDING THE WATCH
WE WERE QUITE FAMILIAR WITH EACH OTHER AT GLASS BAT'S PLACE...
YOU KNOW ME WELL, WEASEL.
YOU...

YOU AND I WERE BOTH TAUGHT BY THE SAME GLASS BAT.
OH YES, YOU WERE HIS FAVORITE, A RARE PRODIGY WHO WAS GIVEN SPECIAL TREATMENT.
GOODBOY BLUECAT!
I CERTAINLY KNOW YOU!
THAT MAKES SENSE NOW!!
THAT'S TRUE.
THERE IS A CERTAIN LOGICAL FLAW THE KID
WHAT YOU SAID WILL DAMAGE YOUR DETECTIVE REPUTATION.
HOWEVER, YOU HAVE FAILED.

LISTEN CAREFULLY, WEASEL!
THERE IS ONLY ONE WEAKNESS IN THE MIGHTY DEEP THOUGHT IT LIES IN HIS PURITY.
A CHILD DOES NOT PERFORM DIRTY TRICKS!!
THAT CHILD NURTURED BY THE ODD-BURGLAR HAS BECOME A PRINCIPLED DETECTIVE
THEREFORE, I AM GOING TO SAVE THIS CHILD.
SAVE WHOM...?
HUMPH
AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO NEEDS SAVING?!
WHAT ARE WE ARGUING ABOUT? LET'S START PUNCHING, BLUECAT!!
BAAAA

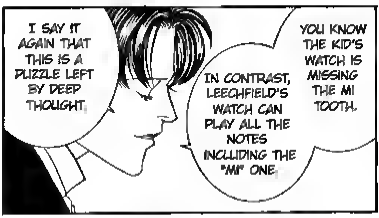
KICK ASS
WOAH!
EVERYBODY IS QUITE VIOLENT LOVELY.
HE, HE, HE.
GALE!
I'M SORRY I'M LATE.
THE POLICE WILL BE HERE AT ANY MOMENT, CAT.
THE POLICE IS COMING?
DAMN IT!

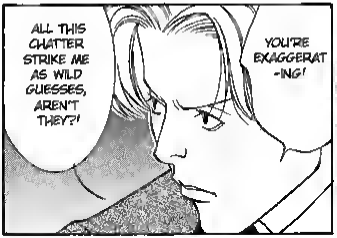
CLEAN UP YOUR ACT! BIG BROTHER IS HERE.
NIGHTINGALE'S KIND OF SCARY WHEN HE'S ANGRY.
HA, WEASEL, YOU LOST.
DO YOU ALL WANT TO BE IN JAIL WHEN THE POLICE IS HERE?
HOW DARE YOU RAISE YOUR HAND TO CAT?
WHATEVER HAPPENS, THE POLICE WON'T BELIEVE THIS CHILD COULD BE THE REAL DEEP THOUGHT.
IT'S RATHER UNBELIEVABLE. BUT,
HE HAS BECOME DEEP THOUGHT AS YOU KNOW!
I AM HOLDING KID'S WATCH, WEASEL!

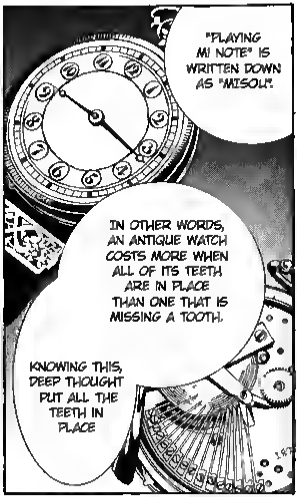
SO, THAT CRAPPY WEASEL STOLE MY WATCH
WITH YAYOI'S HELP
THE ONLY THING LEFT IS TO RETURN THE WATCH, CAT
THIS CLEARS UP THE SUSPICION AROUND THE KID
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THE FUN IS ABOUT TO START, GALE.
BETWEEN THESE TWO WATCHES, WHICH ONE IS THE ORIGINAL ONE, AND WHICH ONE IS DEEP THOUGHT'S COUNTERFEIT?
CAT...!
!
WHAT?
LEECHFIELD, YOU WANT THE ORIGINAL, RIGHT?

HEY, CAT...
I THINK YOU SHOULD EXCHANGE YOUR WATCH WITH THE KID'S.
WHAT THE DEVIL?!

LET ME TELL YOU THE ANSWER.
LEECHFIELD, YOUR WATCH IS THE ARTWORK OF DEEP THOUGHT


I SAY IT AGAIN THAT THIS IS A PUZZLE LEFT BY DEEP THOUGHT.
IN CONTRAST, LEECHFIELD'S WATCH CAN PLAY ALL THE NOTES INCLUDING THE "MI" ONE.
YOU KNOW THE KID'S WATCH IS MISSING THE MI TOOTH.


ALL THIS CHATTER STRIKE ME AS WILD GUESSES, AREN'T THEY?!
YOU'RE EXAGGERAT -ING!


"PLAYING MI NOTE" IS WRITTEN DOWN AS "MISOL".
IN OTHER WORDS, AN ANTIQUE WATCH COSTS MORE WHEN ALL OF ITS TEETH ARE IN PLACE THAN ONE THAT IS MISSING A TOOTH.
KNOWING THIS, DEEP THOUGHT PUT ALL THE TEETH IN PLACE

I CAN SHOW YOU THE PROOF
NO, THEY'RE NOT WILD GUESSES.

HEY YOU, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? PERHAPS YOU JUST WANT TO DESTROY THAT BEAUTY PORTRAIT...
IF IT IS THE REPLICA OF DEEP THOUGHT, WE WILL FIND HIS SIGNATURE.
GIVE ME A SECOND WILL YOU?
POP!
THERE, EVERYBODY.
MR. CAT!
IF WORSE COMES TO WORST, YOU CAN JUST EXCHANGE IT FOR THE KID'S.
THAT WATCH IS ABOUT TO BE SOLD TO A COLLECTOR BARON WHO WILL PAY BIG BUCKS! IT IS IMPORTANT ARE YOU INTENTIONALLY SCRATCHING IT?!
STOP FOOLING AROUND!
IT ISN'T A BIG LOSS IF IT WAS SCRATCHED A LITTLE, DON'T YOU THINK?
DON'T WORRY.
BESIDES, THIS WATCH IS A COUNTERFEIT.
HEHE
THINLY SCRATCH THE SURFACE, THEN, USE MY SPECIAL FAINTING LIQUID TO MELT A LITTLE BIT PAINT...
THIN, VERY THIN.
KA
KA
KA
I'LL NOW REMOVE THE UNNECESSARY PAINT WHICH HIDES THE SIGNATURE

OK, EVERYBODY, TAKE A GOOD LOOK.
THIS... THIS IS...
THERE...
SS
THERE WE GO
SSS
SS
MHSOU
THIS IS THE SIGNATURE OF DEEP THOUGHT
QUITE SO.
GASP

THE KID'S WATCH SHOULD NOT BE PASSED TO ANYBODY!
ISN'T IT A PART OF HIS FATHER?
CAT, WAIT A SECOND!
DO YOU REALLY MEAN TO EXCHANGE IT WITH THE KID'S WATCH?
YOU UNDERSTAND?
IF SUCH A TRANSACTION OF SELLING A DEEP THOUGHT REPLICA IS LEAKED OUT, THE REPUTATION OF THE LEECHFIELD FAMILY WILL BE RUINED
THAT CAN NOT BE REPAID WHATEVER THE AMOUNT OF MONEY
ARE YOU THREATEN -ING ME?!
!
CAT!
OF COURSE, I UNDERSTAND
I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT IT WILL BE A MATCHING PAYMENT TO MR. LEECHFIELD

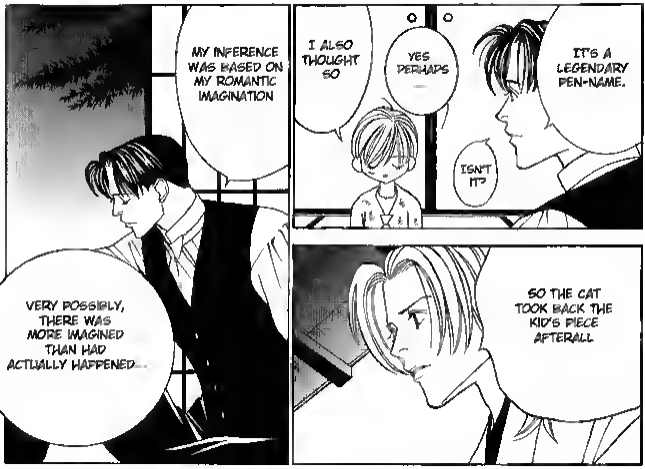
RIGHT NOW, I'M KIND OF IMPRESSED BY YOUR GENEROSITY AND LACK OF HESITATION IN GIVING AWAY SUCH A VALUABLE ITEM TO A PROSTITUTE
NO, NO, MORE LIKE GIVING YOU A CHANCE TO BUY BACK YOUR LOST MANHOOD
THREATENING?

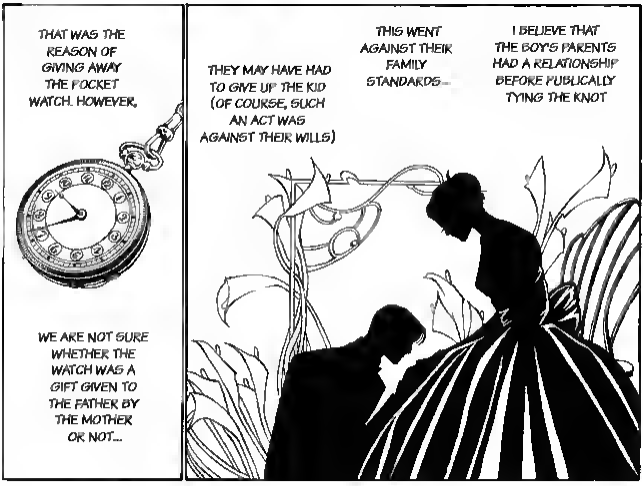
PERHAPS, YOU ARE MORE THAN SUCH A GALDY PRODIGAL SON
MONEY IS THE ONLY ISSUE. SOCIAL STANDING AND REPUTATION--THEY ARE ALL GARBAGE.
THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT BEING A PLAYBOY WITH A FAT WALLET IS ALL ABOUT

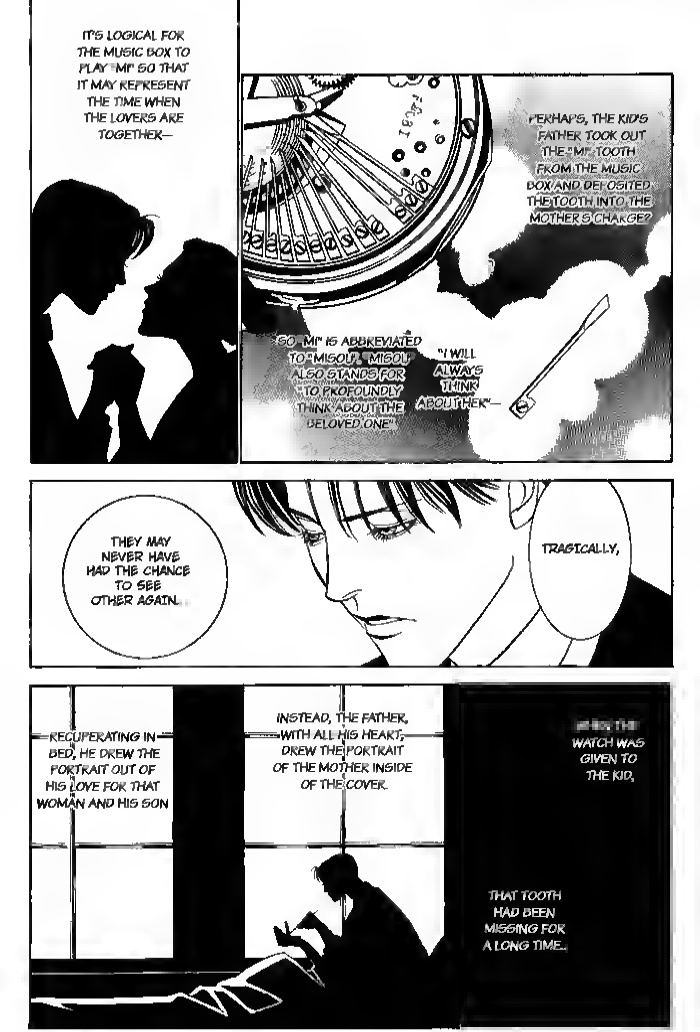
YOU'VE GAMBLED WITH WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR FATHER. A TRUE PLAYBOY DOESN'T CRY OVER SUCH NONSENSE AS "MY REPUTATION."
TO ACQUIRE MONEY, ONE NEEDS A GOOD REPUTATION. TO BECOME WELL-KNOWN, ONE NEEDS A SOCIAL STANDING
IF YOU THINK A REPUTATION IS THE MOST VALUABLE, THEN IT IS SO

DOESN'T THIS ITEM HOLD MORE VALUE THAN WHAT YOU PAY NOW?
THE KID'S WATCH HOLDS THE PROPER VALUE
THERE IS SOMETHING THAT MONEY CAN NOT BUY IN THIS WORLD
BUT, I AM SURE THE KID REALLY NEEDS MONEY. IS THAT RIGHT?
THAT WAS DISTASTEFUL
YOU'D BETTER GO BACK YOUR HOUSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
HA
HA
I WAS DISAPPOINTED, CAT
HA
GO BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
DID YOU HEAR ME, CAT?
YES... I DO...
NEED MONEY...

MR. CAT HAS GIVEN ME SOMETHING MORE VALUABLE THAN MONEY....
HUH?
THIS NIGHTINGALE WOULD DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO RECOVER THE PART OF LOSS FOR THAT KID
IT'S OK, MR. NIGHTINGALE
I HAVE ALREADY RECOVERED MY PART.
THE WATCH THAT HAD BEEN HELD BY MR. LEECHFIELD WAS THE ORIGINAL.
THE WATCH THAT HAD BEEN WITH ME WAS MY REPLICA FROM THAT WATCH.
EH...
IS THAT TRUE, CAT...
BUT, HOW COME THERE WAS DEEP THOUGHT'S SIGNATURE ON THE OLD WATCH OF THE YOUNG MASTER.
WELL,
I'M SURE THAT "DEEP THOUGHT" WAS ALSO THE PENNAME OF THE KID'S FATHER.


MY INFERENCE WAS BASED ON MY ROMANTIC IMAGINATION
VERY POSSIBLY, THERE WAS MORE IMAGINED THAN HAD ACTUALLY HAPPENED...
I ALSO THOUGHT SO
YES PERHAPS
ISN'T IT?
IT'S A LEGENDARY PEN-NAME.
SO THE CAT TOOK BACK THE KID'S PIECE AFTERALL


THAT WAS THE REASON OF GIVING AWAY THE POCKET WATCH. HOWEVER,
WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER THE WATCH WAS A GIFT GIVEN TO THE FATHER BY THE MOTHER OR NOT...
THEY MAY HAVE HAD TO GIVE UP THE KID (OF COURSE, SUCH AN ACT WAS AGAINST THEIR WILLS)
THIS WENT AGAINST THEIR FAMILY STANDARDS...
I BELIEVE THAT THE BOY'S PARENTS HAD A RELATIONSHIP BEFORE PUBLICALLY TYING THE KNOT


IT'S LOGICAL FOR THE MUSIC BOX TO PLAY "MI" SO THAT IT MAY REPRESENT THE TIME WHEN THE LOVERS ARE TOGETHER—
PERHAPS, THE KID'S FATHER TOOK OUT THE "MI" TOOTH FROM THE MUSIC BOX AND DEPOSITED THE TOOTH INTO THE MOTHER'S CHARGE?
SO, "MI" IS ABBREVIATED TO "MISOU". MISOU ALSO STANDS FOR "TO PROFOUNDLY THINK ABOUT THE BELOVED ONE"!
"I WILL ALWAYS THINK ABOUT HER"—
THEY MAY NEVER HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO SEE OTHER AGAIN...
TRAGICALLY,
RECUPERATING IN BED, HE DREW THE PORTRAIT OUT OF HIS LOVE FOR THAT WOMAN AND HIS SON
INSTEAD, THE FATHER, WITH ALL HIS HEART, DREW THE PORTRAIT OF THE MOTHER INSIDE OF THE COVER.
[redacted] THE WATCH WAS GIVEN TO THE KID,
THAT TOOTH HAD BEEN MISSING FOR A LONG TIME...

THEY ALSO THOUGHT A LOT, A LOT ABOUT THEIR CHILD...
THEY PAID HOMAGE TO EACH OTHER
YOUR FATHER TO YOUR MOTHER, AND YOUR MOTHER TO YOUR FATHER
WHEN I WAS FOUR, A STRANGE OLD WOMAN GAVE ME THIS WATCH.
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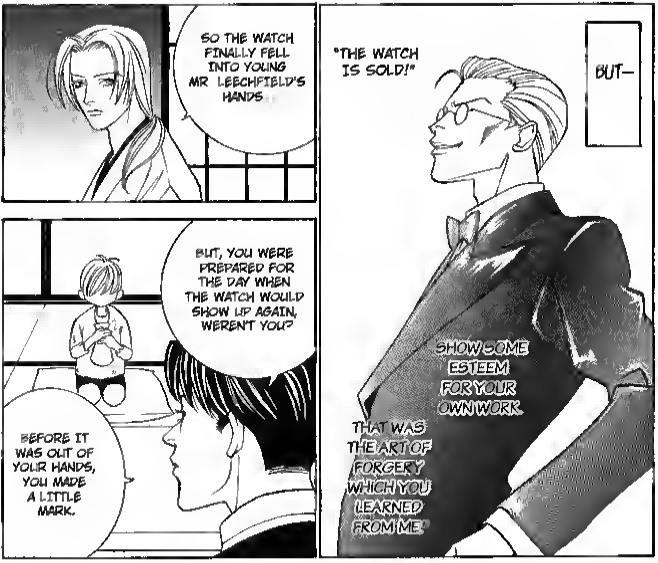
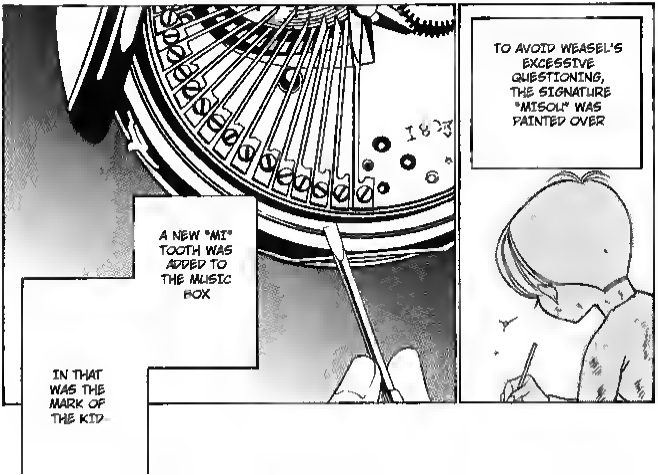
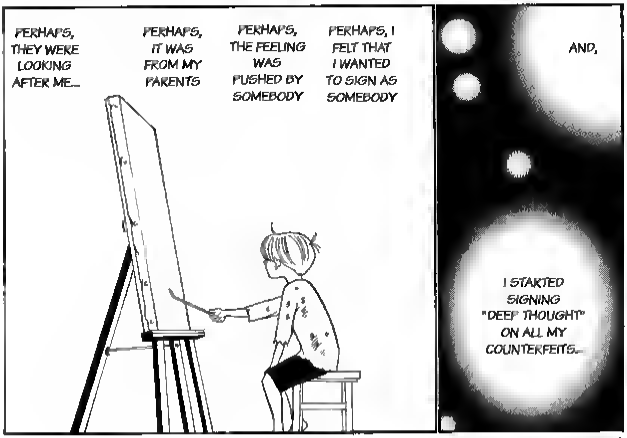
ON THE INSIDE OF THE GOLD POCKET WATCH, I WOULD ALWAYS SEE A WOMEN WHO GENTLY SMILED TO ME
BESIDES THE PICTURE, THERE IS A SIGNATURE IN THE SAME GENTLE STROKES. WHY ME? IT IS VERY INEXPLICABLE...
MISUO


SO THE WATCH FINALLY FELL INTO YOUNG MR LEECHFIELD'S HANDS
"THE WATCH IS SOLD!"
BUT—
BUT, YOU WERE PREPARED FOR THE DAY WHEN THE WATCH WOULD SHOW UP AGAIN, WEREN'T YOU?
SHOW SOME ESTEEM FOR YOUR OWN WORK.
THAT WAS THE ART OF FORGERY WHICH YOU LEARNED FROM ME.
BEFORE IT WAS OUT OF YOUR HANDS, YOU MADE A LITTLE MARK.


TO AVOID WEASEL'S EXCESSIVE QUESTIONING, THE SIGNATURE "MISOU" WAS PAINTED OVER
A NEW "MI" TOOTH WAS ADDED TO THE MUSIC BOX
IN THAT WAS THE MARK OF THE KID—

MY DEEP, DEEP LOVE TO MY FATHER AND MY MOTHER.
THIS IS MY WAY TO EXPRESS
WHEN THE MUSIC BOX IS IN A GOOD STATE, THE WONDERFUL MUSIC IS PLAYED FULLY WITH THE MI NOTES IN PLACE
MOTHER AND FATHER WILL BE ALWAYS WITH ME.
THE WATCH MAY BE PASSED FROM ONE PERSON TO THE OTHER. IT WILL FIND ITS WAY BACK WITH THE BLESSING OF THE PARENTS


PERHAPS, THEY WERE LOOKING AFTER ME...
PERHAPS, IT WAS FROM MY PARENTS
PERHAPS, THE FEELING WAS PUSHED BY SOMEBODY
PERHAPS, I FELT THAT I WANTED TO SIGN AS SOMEBODY
AND,
I STARTED SIGNING "DEEP THOUGHT" ON ALL MY COUNTERFEITS...

THE FEELING WAS PUSHED
BY SOMEBODY
PLEASE GIVE MY WATCH TO LEECHFIELD...
IT IS NOT A MATTER OF MONEY.
UNTIL TODAY THE COUNTERFEIT WATCH MADE BY ME WAS MY ONLY FAMILY.
PERHAPS, THERE IS A WAY TO BE IN TOUCH WITH MY PARENTS.
ARE YOU LEAVING?
YES...
THERE IS NO "MI" NOTE ANYWAY...
IT'S NO GOOD TO GO ALONE
THANK YOU VERY MUCH...

THE WATCH YOU MADE IS MISSING A "MI" TOOTH.
IN THIS CASE, THE WATCH HAS BECOME THE ORIGINAL AFTER ALL, RIGHT?
MR. CAT,
HM ...?
DIDN'T YOU SAY: "THE KID DOES NOT THINK ABOUT HIS FAMILY"?
THAT IS TRUE.
THE REPLICA WATCH IS THE FAMILY THAT I THINK ABOUT.
EVEN THOUGH IT IS A COUNTERFEIT, THE WATCH SEEMS AS VALUABLE TO ME AS IF IT WERE MY FAMILY...

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT I SAW THE KID CRY
THE MI TOOTH HELPS ME TO THINK ALWAYS ABOUT MY FAMILY.
TREAT IT AS THAT, PLEASE.
HMM...
HE'S LEFT.
I SHOULD GO HOME, TOO...
IS IT BECAUSE I ASKED YOU TO LEAVE EARLIER?
HEY, IS SOMETHING WRONG?
YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT HELP, GALE.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S NO MI TOOTH, THAT HOUSE REPRESENTS MY FAMILY IN A SIMILAR WAY.
NOT REALLY

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HEY KID, YOU'RE MISSING ALL THE MI NOTES
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I JUST BOUGHT A POCKET WATCH WHICH HUMS THE SAME SONG
THE FUNNY THING IS THAT
I HAVE A MUSIC BOX THAT PLAYS THAT VERY TUNE

HEY, YOU DON'T HAVE A FAMILY, DO YOU?
I'M SINGLE.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE WITH ME?
LIKE YOU, IT CAN'T SING THE MI NOTE
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NO. YOU LOOK TOO MUCH LIKE A BARON.
I'D RATHER RETURN TO MY OLD PLACE...

IS THAT SO?
YOU KNOW, IN ORDER TO SETTLE ONE'S WORRIES, ONE NEEDS ONLY TO HAVE A NEW HAIRDO.
AND VOILA, ONE WILL LOOK A BARON
PON

*ORIGINAL JAPANESE: TORATO

I FELT COMPELLED TO SIGN THAT REPLICA. SOMEBODY PUSHED ME TO FEEL THIS WAY. PERHAPS MY FATHER AND MY MOTHER WERE REALLY LOOKING AFTER ME.
SOMEBODY HAS GIVEN ME THIS FEELING..
PERHAPS, IT IS TIME FOR ME TO RETURN TO MY FAMILY AFTER ALL...

END

TO BE CONTINUED...